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"AN ACT CONCERNING AN EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an
4 Office of Early Childhood. The office shall be under the direction of the
5 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, whose
6 appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such appointment shall
7 be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5 to 4-8, inclusive, of
8 the general statutes, as amended by this act. The executive director
9 shall be responsible for implementing the policies and directives of the
10 office. Said office shall be within the Department of Education for
11 administrative purposes.

12 (b) The office shall be responsible for:

13 (1) The delivery of services to young children;

14 (2) Administering the coordinated system of early care and
15 education, pursuant to section 10-16bb of the general statutes, as
16 amended by this act;

17 (3) Developing and implementing an early childhood information
18 system to facilitate and encourage the sharing of data between and
19 among early childhood service providers by tracking (A) the health,
20 safety and school readiness of all children receiving early care and
21 education from any local or regional board of education or any
22 program receiving public funding, in a manner similar to the system
23 described in section 10-10a of the general statutes, (B) the
24 characteristics of the existing and potential workforce serving such
25 children in any local or regional school district or in a program
26 receiving any public funding, and (C) the characteristics of the
27 programs in which such children are served;

28 (4) (A) Not later than December 31, 2014, developing, in
29 consultation with the Early Childhood Cabinet, and reporting on an
30 early childhood accountability plan for the coordinated system of early
31 care and education administered by the Office of Early Childhood
32 pursuant to section 10-16bb of the general statutes, as amended by this
33 act. Such plan shall identify and define appropriate population
34 indicators and program and system performance measures of the
35 health, safety and readiness of children to enter kindergarten, and
36 early school success of children, and shall identify any new or
37 improved data required for such purposes. Such plan shall include
38 aggregate information on the characteristics of children and programs
39 tracked by the system developed pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
40 subsection, including, but not limited to, family income, whether the
41 families of such children receive assistance through temporary
42 assistance for needy families or a similar program and the
43 communities in which such children reside using a performance
44 measurement accountability framework;

45 (B) Not later than July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, developing
46 report cards containing the indicators and performance measures

47 identified in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and reporting on the
48 results of such plan and report cards, in accordance with the provision
49 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees
50 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
51 education and appropriations;

52 (5) Implementing a communications strategy for outreach to
53 families, service providers and policymakers;

54 (6) Not later than September 1, 2014, beginning a state-wide
55 longitudinal evaluation of the school readiness program examining the
56 educational progress of children from prekindergarten programs to
57 grade four, inclusive, including a study of the reliability and validity of
58 a kindergarten assessment tool developed pursuant to subsection (h)
59 of section 10-14n of the general statutes and, if the executive director
60 determines that such assessment tool is not reliable, the development
61 of a new assessment tool by September 1, 2015;

62 (7) Conducting a regression discontinuity study, or a relevant
63 research study, pursuant to section 68 of this act, examining the
64 effectiveness of state early childhood programs on school readiness in
65 collaboration, at the executive director's discretion, with a nonprofit
66 public service institution with expertise in such studies or a college or
67 university in the state;

68 (8) Developing, coordinating and supporting public and private
69 partnerships to aid early childhood initiatives; and

70 (9) In consultation with the Department of Education, developing a
71 plan for (A) changing the requirement for when a child five years of
72 age may enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section 10-15c of the
73 general statutes from January first of any school year to October first of
74 any school year, and (B) the creation of spaces in school readiness
75 programs and public and private prekindergarten programs for those
76 children who reach five years of age after October first of any school
77 year and are not eligible to enroll in kindergarten for such school year.

78 (c) Any local or regional board of education or school readiness
79 program, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-
80 16p of the general statutes, receiving any public funding, or any child
81 day care center as described in subdivision (1) of section 19a-77 of the
82 general statutes, as amended by this act, and licensed by the
83 Department of Public Health or the Office of Early Childhood, shall
84 ensure that all children and all staff in a school under the jurisdiction
85 of such board, program or center are entered into the early childhood
86 information system.

87 (d) The Office of Early Childhood shall constitute a successor
88 department, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e
89 and 4-39 of the general statutes, to (1) the Department of Education
90 with respect to sections 8-210, 10-16n, 10-16p to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-
91 16u, 10-16w, 10-16aa, 17b-749a, 17b-749c and 17b-749g to 17b-749i,
92 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (2) the
93 Department of Social Services with respect to section 15 of this act and
94 sections 17b-705a, 17b-12, 17b-730, 17b-733 to 17b-739, inclusive, 17b-
95 749, 17b-749d to 17b-749f, inclusive, 17b-749j, 17b-749k, 17b-750 to 17b-
96 751a, inclusive, 17b-751d and 17b-751e of the general statutes, as
97 amended by this act; and (3) the Department of Public Health with
98 respect to sections 10a-194c, 12-634, 17a-28, 17a-101, 17b-90, 19a-77,
99 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-80f, 19a-82 and 19a-86 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the
100 general statutes, as amended by this act.

101 Sec. 2. Section 4-5 of the general statutes is repealed and the
102 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

103 As used in sections 4-6, 4-7 and 4-8, the term "department head"
104 means Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
105 Commissioner of Administrative Services, Commissioner of Revenue
106 Services, Banking Commissioner, Commissioner of Children and
107 Families, Commissioner of Construction Services, Commissioner of
108 Consumer Protection, Commissioner of Correction, Commissioner of
109 Economic and Community Development, State Board of Education,
110 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection,

111 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection,
112 Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Public Health,
113 Insurance Commissioner, Labor Commissioner, Liquor Control
114 Commission, Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services,
115 Commissioner of Social Services, Commissioner of Developmental
116 Services, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Commissioner of
117 Transportation, Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, Commissioner of
118 Housing, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, the executive
119 director of the Office of Early Childhood and the executive director of
120 the Office of Military Affairs. As used in sections 4-6 and 4-7,
121 "department head" also means the Commissioner of Education and the
122 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

123 Sec. 3. Section 10-16bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
124 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

125 (a) On and after July 1, 2013, [there shall be] the Office of Early
126 Childhood shall administer a coordinated system of early care and
127 education. [and child development.] The coordinated system of early
128 care and education [and child development] shall consist of
129 comprehensive and aligned policies, responsibilities, practices and
130 services for young children and their families, including prenatal care
131 and care for young children [from birth to eight years of age,
132 inclusive,] to ensure optimal health, safety and learning for each child.
133 [, and that are in accordance with the plan developed by the planning
134 director pursuant to section 10-16cc.] The Office of Early Childhood, in
135 coordination with the Department of Education, shall provide services
136 across the birth-to-eight continuum.

137 (b) The Office of Early Childhood, in administering the coordinated
138 system of early care and education, [and child development] shall,
139 within available resources (1) create a unified set of reporting
140 requirements for the programs described in subdivision (1) of
141 subsection [(b)] (a) of section 10-16cc, as amended by this act, for the
142 purpose of collecting the data elements necessary to perform quality
143 assessments and longitudinal analysis; (2) compare and analyze the

144 data collected pursuant to reporting requirements created under
145 subdivision (1) of this subsection with the data collected in the state-
146 wide public school information system, pursuant to section 10-10a, for
147 population-level analysis of children and families; (3) develop, [and]
148 update and implement appropriate early learning standards and
149 assessment tools for children from birth to five years of age, inclusive,
150 that are age and developmentally appropriate and that are aligned
151 with existing learning standards as of July 1, 2013, and assessment
152 tools for students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive; (4)
153 continually monitor and evaluate all early childhood care and
154 education [and child care] programs and services, focusing on
155 program outcomes in satisfying the health, safety, developmental and
156 educational needs of all children; (5) [develop indicators that assess
157 strategies designed to strengthen the family through parental
158 involvement in a child's development and education, including
159 children with special needs] coordinate home visitation services across
160 programs for young children; (6) increase the availability of early
161 childhood care and education and [child care programs and services
162 and encourage the providers of such programs and services to work
163 together to create multiple options that allow families to participate in
164 programs that serve the particular needs of each family] foster
165 collaboration among early childhood care and education providers to
166 provide flexibility for families; (7) provide information and technical
167 assistance to persons seeking early childhood care and education [and
168 child care] programs and services; (8) assist state agencies and
169 municipalities in obtaining available federal funding for early
170 childhood care and education [and child care] programs and services;
171 (9) provide technical assistance and consultation to licensed providers
172 of early childhood care and education [and child care] programs and
173 services [and assist] or any potential provider of such programs and
174 services in obtaining the necessary licensure and certification; (10)
175 [incorporate] establish the quality rating and improvement system
176 developed by the [Department of Education] office that covers home-
177 based, center-based and school-based early child care and learning;
178 (11) maintain [a system of] an accreditation facilitation initiative to

179 assist early childhood care and education [and child care programs
180 and services] program and service providers in achieving national
181 standards and program improvement; (12) create partnerships
182 between state agencies and philanthropic organizations to assist in the
183 implementation of the coordinated system of early care and education;
184 [and child development;] (13) align the system's policy and program
185 goals with those of the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet, pursuant
186 to section 10-16z, as amended by this act, and the Head Start advisory
187 committee, pursuant to section 10-16n, as amended by this act; (14)
188 ensure a coordinated and comprehensive state-wide system of
189 professional development for providers and staff of early childhood
190 care and education [and child care] programs and services; (15)
191 [develop family-centered services that assist families in their
192 communities; (16)] provide families with opportunities for choice in
193 services including quality child care and community-based family-
194 centered services; [(17)] (16) integrate early childhood care and
195 education and special education services; [(18) emphasize targeted
196 research-based interventions; (19)] (17) organize early childhood care
197 and education services into a coherent, comprehensive and accessible
198 delivery system while retaining distinct separation between quality
199 improvement services and child day care licensing services; [(20)
200 coordinate a comprehensive and accessible delivery system for early
201 childhood education and child care services; (21)] (18) focus on
202 performance measures to ensure that services are accountable,
203 effective and accessible to the consumer; [(22)] (19) promote universal
204 access to early childhood care and education; [(23)] (20) ensure
205 nonduplication of monitoring and evaluation; [(24) encourage,
206 promote and coordinate funding for the establishment and
207 administration of local and regional early childhood councils that
208 implement local and regional birth-to-eight systems; and (25)] and (21)
209 perform any other activities that will assist in the provision of early
210 childhood care and education and child care programs and services.

211 (c) The Office of Early Childhood, in administering the coordinated
212 system of early care and education, [and child development] shall

213 collaborate with local and regional early childhood councils to
214 implement the coordinated system of early care and education [and
215 child development] at the local level. Such early childhood councils
216 shall: (1) Develop and implement a comprehensive plan for an early
217 childhood system for the community served by such early childhood
218 council, (2) develop policy and program planning, (3) encourage
219 community participation by emphasizing substantial parental
220 involvement, (4) collect, analyze and evaluate data with a focus on
221 program and service outcomes, (5) allocate resources, and (6) perform
222 any other functions that will assist in the provision of early childhood
223 programs and services. Such early childhood councils may enter into
224 memoranda of agreement with the local or regional school readiness
225 council, described in section 10-16r, as amended by this act, of the
226 town or region served by such early childhood council to perform the
227 duties and functions of a school readiness council, in accordance with
228 the provisions of [said] section 10-16r, as amended by this act, or if no
229 such local or regional school readiness council exists for the town or
230 region of such early childhood council, perform the duties and
231 functions of a school readiness council, in accordance with the
232 provisions of section 10-16r, as amended by this act.

233 (d) The Office of Early Childhood, in administering the coordinated
234 system of early care and education, [and child development] may enter
235 into memoranda of agreement with and accept donations from
236 nonprofit and philanthropic organizations to accomplish the purposes
237 of this section.

238 Sec. 4. Section 10-16cc of the general statutes is repealed and the
239 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

240 (a) On or before July 15, 2011, the Governor shall appoint, in
241 consultation with the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet,
242 established under section 10-16z, a planning director for the planning
243 and development of the coordinated system of early care and
244 education and child development described in section 10-16bb,
245 provided such appointment is made within available appropriations or

246 funded by donations from private sources or federal funds to cover the
247 costs of carrying out the provisions of this section. The planning
248 director shall be within the Office of Policy and Management.

249 (b) (1) On or after July 1, 2013, the executive director of the Office of
250 Early Childhood shall succeed the planning director appointed
251 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The [planning] executive
252 director shall [develop a plan for the coordinated] coordinate a system
253 of early care and education. [and child development. Such plan] Such
254 coordinated system shall consolidate existing early childhood
255 education and child care programs and services serving young
256 children [from birth to eight years of age, inclusive, into a coordinated
257 system that attempts] to (A) reduce the academic achievement gap, (B)
258 increase participation in early childhood education programs, (C)
259 increase parent engagement, family literacy and parenting skills, (D)
260 increase oral language development, (E) increase social competence,
261 (F) decrease special education placements, and (G) support parents
262 and guardians of young children to find employment and to remain
263 employed and encourage such parents and guardians to attend work
264 training programs. [Consolidation may include, but not be limited to,
265 school readiness programs, Head Start programs, the family resource
266 center program, established pursuant to section 10-4o, child care
267 facilities, licensing and services described in section 8-210, the birth-to-
268 three program, established pursuant to section 17a-248, professional
269 development activities relating to early childhood education and any
270 other relevant early childhood programs and services.]

271 (2) [In developing such plan, the planning director shall (A)
272 consider opportunities for consolidation between and within agencies
273 to reduce redundancy and to] The executive director shall (A) improve
274 the focus on positive outcomes for children and families; (B) [seek
275 areas of consolidation between and within agencies; (C)] provide for
276 the creation of memoranda of agreement between the coordinated
277 system of early care and education [and child development] and
278 nonprofit and philanthropic organizations; [(D)] (C) identify

279 opportunities to align services and meet the holistic needs of children
280 and families; [(E)] (D) implement an accountability framework to
281 measure program and services outcomes; [(F)] (E) identify common
282 requirements for funding from various sources and identify waiver
283 provisions related to such requirements that can be used to improve
284 service delivery in the state; [(G)] (F) identify barriers under state or
285 federal law that inhibit effective consolidation of functions or
286 utilization of interagency agreements; [(H)] (G) consult with qualified
287 local and regional planning groups; and [(I)] (H) focus the memoranda
288 of agreement to relevant program areas, such as, maternal and child
289 health, literacy, family support, financial planning and early care and
290 education.

291 [(c) For purposes of the development of the plan for the coordinated
292 system of early care and education and child development, the
293 planning]

294 (c) The executive director may enter into memoranda of agreement
295 with and accept donations from nonprofit and philanthropic
296 organizations.

297 [(d) The Departments of Education, Social Services, Public Health,
298 Children and Families and Developmental Services and the Board of
299 Regents for Higher Education shall assist the planning director in the
300 planning and development of the plan for the coordinated system of
301 early care and education and child development.

302 (e) (1) On and after October 1, 2011, until July 1, 2013, the planning
303 director shall report quarterly to the Early Childhood Education
304 Cabinet. Such report may include, but not be limited to, (A)
305 recommendations regarding the consolidation of agencies to improve
306 coordination within the coordinated system of early care and
307 education and child development, (B) suggestions regarding how
308 federal, state and local resources can be combined to maximize
309 efficiencies in the system and outcomes for children and families, (C)
310 suggestions to improve the manner in which state and local early

311 childhood education initiatives are coordinated so as to provide
312 holistic, affordable, high quality early education for young children,
313 (D) recommendations for improvements to the coordinated system of
314 early care and education and child development, and (E) assurances
315 that the provisions of section 8-210 are being preserved in the planning
316 and development of the coordinated system of early care and
317 education and child development.]

318 [(2) On and after January 1, 2012, until July 1, 2013] (d) Not later
319 than July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the [planning] executive
320 director shall [semiannually] report to the joint standing committees of
321 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
322 appropriations, human services and education, in accordance with the
323 provisions of section 11-4a. Such report may include, but not be limited
324 to, [(A)] (1) recommendations regarding the consolidation of agencies
325 to improve coordination within the coordinated system of early care
326 and education and child development, [(B)] (2) suggestions regarding
327 how federal, state and local resources can be combined to maximize
328 efficiencies in the system and outcomes for children and families, [(C)]
329 (3) suggestions to improve the manner in which state and local early
330 childhood education initiatives are coordinated so as to provide
331 holistic, high quality early education for young children, [(D)] (4)
332 recommendations for improvements to the coordinated system of early
333 care and education, [and child development,] and [(E)] (5) assurances
334 that the provisions of section 8-210, as amended by this act, are being
335 preserved in the planning and development of the coordinated system
336 of early care and education. [and child development.]

337 [(3) On or before January 30, 2013, the planning director shall report
338 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
339 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations, human services and
340 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a. Such
341 report shall include recommendations as to which department shall be
342 the lead agency and where the staff of the coordinated system of early
343 care and education and child development will be located.]

344 (e) The position of planning director shall terminate not later than
345 September 1, 2013.

346 Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-266p of the general statutes is
347 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
348 *1, 2013*):

349 (a) The State Board of Education shall administer a priority school
350 district grant program to assist certain school districts to improve
351 student achievement and enhance educational opportunities. The
352 grant program shall include the priority school district portions of the
353 grant programs established pursuant to sections [10-16p,] 10-265f, 10-
354 265m and 10-266t. The grant program and its component parts shall be
355 for school districts in (1) the eight towns in the state with the largest
356 population, based on the most recent federal decennial census, (2)
357 towns which rank for the first fiscal year of each biennium from one to
358 eleven when all towns are ranked in descending order from one to one
359 hundred sixty-nine based on the number of children under the
360 temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of
361 section 10-262f, plus the mastery count of the town, as defined in
362 subdivision (13) of section 10-262f, and (3) towns which rank for the
363 first fiscal year of each biennium one to eleven when all towns are
364 ranked in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based
365 on the ratio of the number of children under the temporary family
366 assistance program as so defined to the resident students of such town,
367 as defined in subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, plus the grant mastery
368 percentage of the town, as defined in subdivision (12) of section 10-
369 262f. The State Board of Education shall utilize the categorical grant
370 program established under this section and sections 10-266q and 10-
371 266r and other educational resources of the state to work cooperatively
372 with such school districts during any school year to improve their
373 educational programs or [to provide early childhood education or]
374 early reading intervention programs. The component parts of the grant
375 shall be allocated according to the provisions of sections [10-16p,] 10-
376 265f, 10-265m and 10-266t. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of

377 section 10-276a, the State Board of Education shall allocate one million
378 dollars to each of the eight towns described in subdivision (1) of this
379 subsection and five hundred thousand dollars to each of the towns
380 described in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, except the
381 towns described in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not receive
382 any additional allocation if they are also described in subdivision (2) or
383 (3) of this subsection.

384 Sec. 6. Section 10-16n of the general statutes is repealed and the
385 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

386 (a) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
387 Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of
388 Early Childhood, shall establish a competitive grant program to assist
389 nonprofit agencies and local and regional boards of education, which
390 are federal Head Start grantees, in (1) establishing extended-day and
391 full-day, year-round, Head Start programs or expanding existing Head
392 Start programs to extended-day or full-day, year-round programs, (2)
393 enhancing program quality, and (3) increasing the number of children
394 served. The [commissioner] executive director, after consultation with
395 the committee established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
396 shall establish criteria for the grants, provided at least twenty-five per
397 cent of the funding for such grants shall be for the purpose of
398 enhancing program quality. Nonprofit agencies or boards of education
399 seeking grants pursuant to this section shall make application to the
400 [Commissioner of Education] executive director on such forms and at
401 such times as the [commissioner] executive director shall prescribe. All
402 grants pursuant to this section shall be funded within the limits of
403 available appropriations or otherwise from federal funds and private
404 donations. All full-day, year-round Head Start programs funded
405 pursuant to this section shall be in compliance with federal Head Start
406 performance standards.

407 (b) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood shall
408 annually allocate to each town in which the number of children under
409 the [aid to dependent children] temporary family assistance program,

410 as defined in subdivision [(14)] (17) of section 10-262f, equals or
411 exceeds nine hundred children, determined for the fiscal year ending
412 June 30, 1996, an amount equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars
413 plus eight and one-half dollars for each child under the [aid to
414 dependent children] temporary family assistance program, provided
415 such amount may be reduced proportionately so that the total amount
416 awarded pursuant to this subsection does not exceed two million
417 seven hundred thousand dollars. The [department] office shall award
418 grants to the local and regional boards of education for such towns and
419 nonprofit agencies located in such towns which meet the criteria
420 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to maintain the
421 programs established or expanded with funds provided pursuant to
422 this subsection in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, and June 30,
423 1997. Any funds remaining in the allocation to such a town after grants
424 are so awarded shall be used to increase allocations to other such
425 towns. Any funds remaining after grants are so awarded to boards of
426 education and nonprofit agencies in all such towns shall be available to
427 local and regional boards of education and nonprofit agencies in other
428 towns in the state for grants for such purposes.

429 (c) There is established a committee to advise the [Commissioner of
430 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood
431 concerning the coordination, priorities for allocation and distribution,
432 and utilization of funds for Head Start and concerning the competitive
433 grant program established under this section, and to evaluate
434 programs funded pursuant to this section. The committee shall consist
435 of the following members: (1) One member designated by the
436 Commissioner of Social Services; (2) six members who are directors of
437 Head Start programs, two from community action agency program
438 sites or school readiness liaisons, one of whom shall be appointed by
439 the president pro tempore of the Senate and one by the speaker of the
440 House of Representatives, two from public school program sites, one
441 of whom shall be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate and
442 one by the majority leader of the House of Representatives, and two
443 from other nonprofit agency program sites, one of whom shall be

444 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate and one by the minority
445 leader of the House of Representatives; (3) one member designated by
446 the Commission on Children; (4) one member designated by the Early
447 Childhood [Education] Cabinet; (5) two members designated by the
448 Head Start Association, one of whom shall be the parent of a present or
449 former Head Start student; (6) one member designated by the
450 Connecticut Association for Community Action who shall have
451 expertise and experience concerning Head Start; (7) one member
452 designated by the Region I Office of Head Start within the federal
453 Administration of Children and Families of the Department of Health
454 and Human Services; and (8) the director of the Head Start
455 Collaboration Office.

456 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the
457 Office of Early Childhood may adopt regulations, in accordance with
458 the provisions of chapter 54, for purposes of this section.

459 Sec. 7. Section 10-16p of the general statutes is repealed and the
460 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

461 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, as amended by
462 this act, 10-16u, as amended by this act, 17b-749a, as amended by this
463 act, and 17b-749c, as amended by this act:

464 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that
465 (A) meets the standards set by the [department] Office of Early
466 Childhood pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and the
467 requirements of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, and (B)
468 provides a developmentally appropriate learning experience of not less
469 than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred eighty days for eligible
470 children, except as provided in subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as
471 amended by this act;

472 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age
473 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
474 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and

475 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

476 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more
477 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or
478 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,
479 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to
480 section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former priority school
481 district receiving a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and,
482 on and after July 1, 2001, excluding such a school in a transitional
483 school district receiving a grant pursuant to section 10-16u, as
484 amended by this act;

485 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district
486 pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act, or in a former
487 priority school district in which forty per cent or more of the lunches
488 served are served to students who are eligible for free or reduced price
489 lunches;

490 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
491 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
492 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
493 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
494 [commissioner] executive director, [in consultation with the
495 Commissioner of Social Services,] unless the context otherwise
496 requires;

497 (6) "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as provided in
498 subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

499 [(7) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education; and

500 (8) "Department" means the Department of Education.]

501 (7) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Office of
502 Early Childhood; and

503 (8) "Office" means the Office of Early Childhood.

504 (b) (1) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood
505 shall be the lead agency for school readiness. For purposes of this
506 section and section 10-16u, as amended by this act, school readiness
507 program providers eligible for funding from the [Department of
508 Education] office shall include local and regional boards of education,
509 regional educational service centers, family resource centers and
510 providers of child day care centers, as defined in section 19a-77, as
511 amended by this act, Head Start programs, preschool programs and
512 other programs that meet such standards established by the
513 [Commissioner of Education] executive director. The [department]
514 office shall establish standards for school readiness programs. The
515 standards may include, but need not be limited to, guidelines for staff-
516 child interactions, curriculum content, including preliteracy
517 development, lesson plans, parent involvement, staff qualifications
518 and training, transition to school and administration. The [department]
519 office shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills and goals for
520 children attending such programs. The [commissioner] executive
521 director, in consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for
522 Higher Education, the [Commissioner of] Commissioners of Education
523 and Social Services and other appropriate entities, shall develop a
524 professional development program for the staff of school readiness
525 programs.

526 (2) For purposes of this section:

527 (A) Prior to July 1, 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each
528 classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood
529 development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by
530 an organization approved by the [Commissioner of Education]
531 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood and twelve credits
532 or more in early childhood education or child development, as
533 determined by the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
534 Education or the executive director of the Office of Higher Education,
535 after consultation with the [Commissioners of Education and Social
536 Services] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, from an

537 institution of higher education [(1)] (I) accredited by the Board of
538 Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Higher Education or State
539 Board of Education, and [(2)] (II) regionally accredited; (ii) an
540 associate's degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood
541 education or child development, as determined by the president of the
542 Board of Regents for Higher Education or the executive director of the
543 Office of Higher Education, after consultation with the
544 [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] executive director of
545 the Office of Early Childhood, from such an institution; (iii) a four-year
546 degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or
547 child development, as determined by the president of the Board of
548 Regents for Higher Education or the executive director of the Office of
549 Higher Education, after consultation with the [Commissioners of
550 Education and Social Services] executive director of the Office of Early
551 Childhood, from such an institution; or (iv) certification pursuant to
552 section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or
553 special education;

554 (B) From July 1, 2015, [to] until June 30, 2020, "staff qualifications"
555 means that for each early childhood education program accepting state
556 funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such
557 program's child day care program or school readiness program, (i) at
558 least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility
559 for a classroom of children hold (I) certification pursuant to section 10-
560 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early
561 childhood special education, or (II) a bachelor's degree with a
562 concentration in early childhood education, including, but not limited
563 to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child
564 development or human growth and development, from an institution
565 of higher education (1) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
566 Education, the Office of Higher Education or State Board of Education,
567 and (2) regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's degree
568 program is approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or
569 the Office of Higher Education, and the [Department of Education]
570 Office of Early Childhood, and (ii) such remaining individuals with the

571 primary responsibility for a classroom of children hold an associate
572 degree with a concentration in early childhood education, including,
573 but not limited to, an associate's degree in early childhood education,
574 child study, child development or human growth and development,
575 from an institution of higher education [(1)] (I) accredited by the Board
576 of Regents for Higher Education, the Office of Higher Education or
577 State Board of Education, and [(2)] (II) regionally accredited, provided
578 such associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for
579 Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education, and the
580 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood; and

581 (C) On and after July 1, 2020, "staff qualifications" means that for
582 each early childhood education program accepting state funds for
583 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's
584 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per
585 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a
586 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b
587 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood
588 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in
589 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's
590 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
591 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
592 education [(1)] (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
593 Education, the Office of Higher Education or State Board of Education,
594 and [(2)] (II) regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's degree
595 program is approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or
596 the Office of Higher Education, and the [Department of Education]
597 Office of Early Childhood.

598 (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree and twelve credits or
599 more in early childhood education or child development, who, on or
600 before June 30, 2015, is employed as a teacher by an early childhood
601 education program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and
602 preschool spaces associated with such program's child day care
603 program or school readiness program [and meets the staff

604 qualifications required under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of
605 this subsection] shall be considered to meet the staff qualifications
606 required under subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this
607 subsection. No such early childhood education program shall
608 terminate any such individual from employment for purposes of
609 meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph
610 (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. [Any such individual
611 who terminates his or her employment with such early childhood
612 education program and accepts a teacher position at another early
613 childhood education program accepting state funds for spaces
614 associated with such program's child day care program or school
615 readiness program shall submit documentation of such individual's
616 progress toward meeting the staff qualification requirements set forth
617 in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a
618 manner determined by the Department of Education.]

619 (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree and twelve credits or
620 more in early childhood education or child development, other than
621 those bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs [(A) and] (B) and
622 (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection may submit documentation
623 concerning such degree for review and assessment by the [Department
624 of Education] Office of Early Childhood as to whether such degree has
625 a sufficient concentration in early childhood education so as to satisfy
626 the requirements set forth in said subparagraphs [(A) and] (B) and (C).

627 (c) The [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
628 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director of the Office of
629 Early Childhood shall establish a grant program to provide spaces in
630 accredited school readiness programs for eligible children who reside
631 in priority school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by
632 this act, or in former priority school districts as provided in this
633 subsection. Under the program, the grant shall be provided, in
634 accordance with this section, to the town in which such priority school
635 district or former priority school district is located. Eligibility shall be
636 determined for a five-year period based on an applicant's designation

637 as a priority school district for the initial year of application, except
638 that if a school district that receives a grant pursuant to this subsection
639 is no longer designated as a priority school district at the end of such
640 five-year period, such former priority school district shall continue to
641 be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this subsection. Grant awards
642 shall be made annually contingent upon available funding and a
643 satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town
644 and the superintendent of schools for such priority school district or
645 former priority school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure
646 of grant funds and responses to the local request for proposal process
647 to the [Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments
648 shall jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of
649 such plan within its jurisdiction for funding] executive director. The
650 executive director shall review and approve such plans. The plan shall:
651 (1) Be developed in consultation with the local or regional school
652 readiness council established pursuant to section 10-16r, as amended
653 by this act; (2) be based on a needs and resource assessment; (3)
654 provide for the issuance of requests for proposals for providers of
655 accredited school readiness programs, provided, after the initial
656 requests for proposals, facilities that have been approved to operate a
657 child care program financed through the Connecticut Health and
658 Education Facilities Authority and have received a commitment for
659 debt service from the Department of Social Services, pursuant to
660 section 17b-749i, as amended by this act, on or before June 30, 2014,
661 and on and after July 1, 2014, from the Office of Early Childhood, are
662 exempt from the requirement for issuance of annual requests for
663 proposals; and (4) identify the need for funding pursuant to section
664 17b-749a, as amended by this act, in order to extend the hours and
665 days of operation of school readiness programs in order to provide
666 child day care services for children attending such programs.

667 (d) (1) [The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
668 Commissioner of Social Services,] The executive director of the Office
669 of Early Childhood shall establish a competitive grant program [to
670 provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs] for eligible

671 children who reside (A) in an area served by a priority school or a
672 former priority school, [as provided for in subdivision (2) of this
673 subsection,] (B) in a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are
674 ranked in ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in
675 subdivision (26) of section 10-262f, whose school district is not a
676 priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this
677 act, or (C) in a town formerly a town described in subparagraph (B) of
678 this subdivision, as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection.
679 A town in which a priority school is located, a regional school
680 readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r, for a
681 region in which such a school is located or a town described in
682 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision may apply for such a grant in an
683 amount not to exceed one hundred seven thousand dollars per priority
684 school or town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period
685 based on an applicant's designation as having a priority school or
686 being a town described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision for the
687 initial year of application. Grant awards shall be made annually
688 contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory annual
689 evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the
690 superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional school
691 readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of
692 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the
693 [Department of Education] executive director. In awarding grants
694 pursuant to this subsection, the [commissioner] executive director shall
695 give preference to applications submitted by regional school readiness
696 councils and may, within available appropriations, provide a grant in
697 excess of one hundred seven thousand dollars to towns with two or
698 more priority schools in such district. A town or regional school
699 readiness council awarded a grant pursuant to this subsection shall use
700 the funds to purchase spaces for such children from providers of
701 accredited school readiness programs.

702 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,
703 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town
704 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is

705 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a
706 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal
707 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of
708 this subsection.

709 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as
710 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town
711 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in
712 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant
713 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of
714 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the
715 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final
716 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that
717 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received
718 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to
719 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year
720 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to
721 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed
722 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the
723 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of
724 this subsection.

725 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year
726 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph
727 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June
728 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if
729 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to
730 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

731 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year
732 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts
733 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)
734 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth
735 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,
736 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
737 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except that such per child cost

738 shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round, and (B)
739 multiplying the number of additional or decreased slots the districts
740 have requested for the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid by
741 the per child cost pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
742 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except such per child cost shall
743 be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If said sum exceeds
744 the available appropriation, such number of requested additional slots
745 shall be reduced, as determined by the [Commissioner of Education]
746 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, to stay within the
747 available appropriation.

748 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
749 this section are not expended, the [Commissioner of Education]
750 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may deposit such
751 unexpended funds in the account established under section 10-16aa, as
752 amended by this act, and use such unexpended funds in accordance
753 with the provisions of section 10-16aa, as amended by this act.

754 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2012] 2014, and each fiscal
755 year thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c)
756 of this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred
757 thousand dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the
758 provision of professional development for early childhood care and
759 education program providers, [offered by a professional development
760 and program improvement system within the Connecticut State
761 University System and] and staff employed in such programs,
762 provided such programs accept state funds for infant, toddler and
763 preschool slots. Such unexpended funds may be available for use in
764 accordance with the provisions of this subparagraph for the
765 subsequent fiscal year. The [Commissioner of Education] executive
766 director may use such unexpended funds on and after July 1, [2012, in
767 consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
768 Education] 2013, to support early childhood education programs
769 accepting state funds in satisfying the staff qualifications requirements
770 of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this

771 section. The [Department of Education] executive director shall use
772 any such funds to provide assistance to individual staff members,
773 giving priority to those staff members attending an institution of
774 higher education [(1)] (i) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
775 Education or [State Board of Education] the Office of Higher
776 Education, and approved by the Office of Early Childhood, and [(2)]
777 regionally accredited, at a maximum of five thousand dollars per staff
778 member per year for the cost of higher education courses leading to a
779 bachelor's degree or, not later than December 31, 2013, an associate's
780 degree, as such degrees are described in said subparagraphs (B) and
781 (C), [at an in-state public institution of higher education or a
782 Connecticut-based for-profit or nonprofit institution of higher
783 education,] or (ii) offering noncredit competency-based training
784 approved by the Office of Early Childhood, at a maximum of one
785 thousand dollars per staff member per year, provided such staff
786 members have applied for all available federal and state scholarships
787 and grants, and such assistance does not exceed such staff members'
788 financial need. Individual staff members shall apply for such
789 unexpended funds in a manner determined by the [Department of
790 Education] executive director. The [Commissioner of Education]
791 executive director shall determine [, in consultation with the president
792 of the Board of Regents for Higher Education,] how such unexpended
793 funds shall be distributed.

794 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this
795 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
796 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used
797 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the [Commissioner
798 of Education] executive director may use such unexpended funds to
799 support local school readiness programs. The [commissioner]
800 executive director may use such funds for purposes including, but not
801 limited to, (i) assisting local school readiness programs in meeting and
802 maintaining accreditation requirements, (ii) providing training in
803 implementing the preschool assessment and curriculum frameworks,
804 including training to enhance literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a

805 state-wide preschool curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments
806 for students in grades kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing
807 and implementing best practices for parents in supporting preschool
808 and kindergarten student learning, (vi) developing and implementing
809 strategies for children to transition from preschool to kindergarten,
810 (vii) providing for professional development, including assisting in
811 career ladder advancement, for school readiness staff, and (viii)
812 providing supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for
813 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

814 (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal
815 years ending June 30, [2008] 2014, to June 30, [2013] 2016, inclusive, the
816 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood may retain up to
817 one hundred ninety-eight thousand two hundred dollars of the
818 amount appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination,
819 program evaluation and administration.

820 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to
821 this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, shall not
822 discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion
823 or disability. For purposes of this section, a nonsectarian program
824 means any public or private school readiness program that is not
825 violative of the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the State of
826 Connecticut or the Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the
827 United States of America.

828 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by
829 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-
830 16u, as amended by this act, shall be used to supplant federal, state or
831 local funding received by such town for early childhood education,
832 provided a town may use an amount determined in accordance with
833 this subsection for coordination, program evaluation and
834 administration. Such amount shall be at least twenty-five thousand
835 dollars but not more than seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be
836 determined by the [Department of Education, in consultation with the
837 Department of Social Services,] executive director based on the school

838 readiness grant award allocated to the town pursuant to subsection (c)
839 or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by this act, and the
840 number of operating sites for coordination, program evaluation and
841 administration. Such amount shall be increased by an amount equal to
842 local funding provided for early childhood education coordination,
843 program evaluation and administration, not to exceed twenty-five
844 thousand dollars. Each town that receives a grant pursuant to
845 subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u, as amended by
846 this act, shall designate a person to be responsible for such
847 coordination, program evaluation and administration and to act as a
848 liaison between the town and the [Departments of Education and
849 Social Services] executive director. Each school readiness program that
850 receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u, as amended
851 by this act, shall provide information to the [department] executive
852 director or the school readiness council, as requested, that is necessary
853 for purposes of any school readiness program evaluation.

854 (h) For the first three years a town receives grants pursuant to this
855 section, such grants may be used, with the approval of the
856 [commissioner] executive director, to prepare a facility or staff for
857 operating a school readiness program and shall be adjusted based on
858 the number of days of operation of a school readiness program if a
859 shorter term of operation is approved by the [commissioner] executive
860 director.

861 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible
862 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness
863 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council
864 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who
865 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school
866 readiness program located outside such region.

867 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant
868 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for
869 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the
870 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision

871 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

872 (k) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for this
873 section may be allocated to the competitive grant program pursuant to
874 subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the amount of such
875 allocation shall be made on or before August first.

876 Sec. 8. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the
877 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

878 (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for
879 collaboration with other community programs and services, including
880 public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate
881 full-day and year-round child care and education programs for
882 children of working parents and parents in education or training
883 programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;
884 (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name
885 and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health
886 insurance company and information on whether the child is
887 immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early
888 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program
889 under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including
890 referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for
891 the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher
892 training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family
893 literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide
894 for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;
895 (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from
896 different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other
897 communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the
898 school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer
899 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan
900 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,
901 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to
902 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for
903 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d, as

904 amended by this act; and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness
905 of the program. [On and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs
906 shall use the assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-
907 16s in conducting their annual evaluations.]

908 [(b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of
909 the Department of Education school readiness component of the
910 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six
911 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.]

912 [(2)] ~~(b) (1)~~ For the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~[2009]~~ 2014, and each
913 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the [Department of
914 Education] Office of Early Childhood school readiness program
915 offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed eight thousand
916 three hundred forty-six dollars.

917 [(3)] ~~(2)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section
918 10-16p, as amended by this act, the [Department of Education] Office
919 of Early Childhood shall not provide funding to any school readiness
920 provider that (A) on or before January 1, 2004, first entered into a
921 contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to
922 this section and is not accredited on January 1, 2007, or (B) after
923 January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide
924 school readiness services pursuant to this section and does not become
925 accredited by the date three years after the date on which the provider
926 first entered into such a contract, except [that the Commissioner of
927 Education] the executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may
928 grant an extension of time for a school readiness program to become
929 accredited or reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the
930 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood conducts an on-
931 site assessment of any such program and maintains a report of such
932 assessment completed in a uniform manner, as prescribed by the
933 [commissioner] executive director, that includes a list of conditions
934 such program must fulfill to become accredited or reaccredited, (ii) on
935 or before June 30, 2014, the program is licensed by the Department of
936 Public Health if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, and on and

937 after July 1, 2014, the program is licensed by the Office of Early
938 Childhood if required to be licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program
939 has a corrective action plan that shall be prescribed by and monitored
940 by the [Commissioner of Education] Office of Early Childhood, and
941 (iv) the program meets such other conditions as may be prescribed by
942 the [commissioner] executive director. During the period of such
943 extension, such program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to [said]
944 section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

945 [(4)] (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care
946 services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject
947 to such per child cost limitation.

948 (c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding
949 fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a
950 school readiness program.

951 (d) A town or school readiness council may file a waiver application
952 to the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood on forms
953 provided by the [department] office for the purpose of seeking
954 approval of a school readiness schedule that varies from the minimum
955 hours and number of days provided for in subdivision (1) of
956 subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act, or from the
957 definition of a year-round program pursuant to subdivision [(7) of
958 said] (6) of subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act. The
959 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood may [, in
960 consultation with the Department of Social Services,] approve any
961 such waiver if the [departments find] office finds that the proposed
962 schedule meets the purposes set forth in the provisions of section 10-
963 16o concerning the development of school readiness programs and
964 maximizes available dollars to serve more children or address
965 community needs.

966 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 10-16r of the general statutes is
967 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
968 *1, 2013*):

969 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make
970 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of
971 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any
972 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this
973 act, 10-16u, as amended by this act, 17b-749a, as amended by this act,
974 and 17b-749c, as amended by this act; (2) foster partnerships among
975 providers of school readiness programs; (3) assist in the identification
976 of (A) the need for school readiness programs and the number of
977 children not being served by such a program, and (B) for priority
978 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, as amended by this act,
979 the number of children not being served by such a program and the
980 estimated operating cost of providing universal school readiness to
981 eligible children in such districts who are not being served; (4) submit
982 biennial reports to the [Department of Education] Office of Early
983 Childhood on the number and location of school readiness spaces and
984 estimates of future needs; (5) submit biennial reports on factors
985 identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection; (6) cooperate
986 with the [department] office in any program evaluation [and, on and
987 after July 1, 2000, use measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s]
988 for purposes of evaluating the effectiveness of school readiness
989 programs; (7) identify existing and prospective resources and services
990 available to children and families; (8) facilitate the coordination of the
991 delivery of services to children and families, including (A) referral
992 procedures, and (B) before and after-school child care for children
993 attending kindergarten programs; (9) exchange information with other
994 councils, the community and organizations serving the needs of
995 children and families; (10) make recommendations to school officials
996 concerning transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten;
997 and (11) encourage public participation.

998 Sec. 10. Section 10-16s of the general statutes is repealed and the
999 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1000 [(a)] The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood and the
1001 Commissioners of Education, [and] Children and Families,

1002 Developmental Services, Social Services and Public Health shall
1003 develop an agreement to define the duties and responsibilities of their
1004 departments concerning [school readiness programs] implementation
1005 of the coordinated system of early care and education, pursuant to
1006 section 10-16bb, as amended by this act. The executive director and
1007 commissioners shall consult with other affected state agencies. [The
1008 agreement shall include, but not be limited to, a multiyear interagency
1009 agreement to establish and implement an integrated school readiness
1010 plan. Functions to be described and responsibilities to be undertaken
1011 by the two departments shall be delineated in the agreement.] On or
1012 before January 1, [2010] 2014, and annually thereafter, the
1013 [Commissioners of Education and Social Services] executive director
1014 shall submit such agreement, in accordance with the provisions of
1015 section 11-4a, to the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet, established
1016 pursuant to section 10-16z, as amended by this act, and to the joint
1017 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1018 matters relating to education and human services.

1019 [(b) On or before January 1, 2008, the commissioners shall adopt
1020 assessment measures of school readiness programs for use by such
1021 programs in conducting their annual evaluations pursuant to section
1022 10-16q. The commissioners may adopt the assessment measures used
1023 for Head Start programs.]

1024 Sec. 11. Section 10-16u of the general statutes is repealed and the
1025 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1026 For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2002] 2014, and each fiscal year
1027 thereafter, the [Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
1028 Commissioner of Social Services,] executive director of the Office of
1029 Early Childhood shall provide grants, within available appropriations,
1030 to eligible school readiness program providers pursuant to subsection
1031 (b) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act, to provide spaces in
1032 accredited school readiness programs for eligible children who reside
1033 in transitional school districts pursuant to section 10-263c, except for
1034 transitional school districts eligible for grants pursuant to subsection

1035 (c) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act. Under the program, the
1036 grant shall be provided to the town in which such transitional school
1037 district is located. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-year period
1038 based on a school district's designation as a transitional school district
1039 in the initial year of application, except that grants pursuant to this
1040 section shall not be provided for transitional school districts eligible for
1041 grants pursuant to subsection (c) of [said] section 10-16p, as amended
1042 by this act. Grant awards shall be made annually contingent upon
1043 available funding and a satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief
1044 elected official of such town and the superintendent of schools for such
1045 transitional school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure of
1046 grant funds and responses to the local request for proposal process to
1047 the [Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments
1048 shall jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of
1049 such plan within its jurisdiction for funding. The plan shall] executive
1050 director. The executive director shall review and approve such plans,
1051 provided such plans meet the requirements specified in subsection (c)
1052 of [said] section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1053 Sec. 12. Section 10-16w of the general statutes is repealed and the
1054 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1055 [Within available appropriations, the Commissioner of Education]
1056 The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall provide,
1057 within available appropriations, technical assistance and training to
1058 school readiness programs to assist in the application of preschool
1059 curriculum guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education.

1060 Sec. 13. Section 10-16z of the general statutes is repealed and the
1061 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1062 (a) There is established the Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet.
1063 The cabinet shall consist of: (1) The executive director of the Office of
1064 Early Childhood, or the executive director's designee, (2) the
1065 Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, [(2) one
1066 representative from the Department of Education who is responsible

1067 for programs required under the Individuals With Disabilities
1068 Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as amended from time to time,
1069 appointed by the Commissioner of Education,] (3) the Commissioner
1070 of Social Services, or the commissioner's designee, (4) [a representative
1071 from an institution of higher education in this state appointed by] the
1072 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or the
1073 president's designee, (5) the Commissioner of Public Health, or the
1074 commissioner's designee, (6) the Commissioner of Developmental
1075 Services, or the commissioner's designee, (7) the Commissioner of
1076 Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, (8) the
1077 executive director of the Commission on Children, or the executive
1078 director's designee, (9) the project director of the Connecticut Head
1079 Start State Collaboration Office, (10) a parent or guardian of a child
1080 who attends or attended a school readiness program appointed by the
1081 minority leader of the House of Representatives, (11) a representative
1082 of a local provider of early childhood education appointed by the
1083 minority leader of the Senate, (12) a representative of the Connecticut
1084 Family Resource Center Alliance appointed by the majority leader of
1085 the House of Representatives, (13) a representative of a state funded
1086 child care center appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, (14)
1087 two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of
1088 whom is a member of [the House of Representatives] a board of
1089 education for a town designated as an alliance district, as defined in
1090 section 10-262u, and one of whom is a parent who has a child
1091 attending a school in [a priority school] an educational reform district,
1092 as defined in section 10-262u, (15) two appointed by the president pro
1093 tempore of the Senate, one of whom is [a member of the Senate] an
1094 instructor of a preschool program and one of whom is a representative
1095 of a public elementary school with a prekindergarten program, (16)
1096 two appointed by the Governor, one of whom is a representative of the
1097 Connecticut Head Start Association and one of whom is a
1098 representative of the business or philanthropic community in this
1099 state, and (17) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or
1100 the secretary's designee. [The chairperson of the council shall be
1101 appointed from among its members by the Governor.]

1102 **(b)** The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall
1103 serve as the cochairperson of the cabinet. The other cochairperson of
1104 the cabinet shall be appointed from among its members by the
1105 Governor. The cabinet shall meet at least quarterly. Members shall not
1106 be compensated for their services. Any member who fails to attend
1107 three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all
1108 meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
1109 resigned from the cabinet.

1110 **[(b)] (c)** Within available [appropriations and such private funding
1111 as may be available] resources, the Early Childhood [Education]
1112 Cabinet shall (1) [coordinate among state agencies, as well as public
1113 and private partnerships, the development of services that enhance the
1114 health, safety and learning of children from birth to nine years of age,
1115 inclusive] advise the Office of Early Childhood in the administration of
1116 the coordinated system of early care and education, pursuant to
1117 section 10-16bb, as amended by this act, (2) not later than December 1,
1118 2009, and annually thereafter, develop an annual plan of action that
1119 assigns the appropriate state agency to complete the tasks specified in
1120 the federal Head Start Act of 2007, P.L. 110-134, as amended from time
1121 to time, and (3) not later than March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter,
1122 submit an annual state-wide strategic report, pursuant to said federal
1123 Head Start Act, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
1124 addressing the progress such agencies have made toward the
1125 completion of such tasks outlined under said federal Head Start Act
1126 and this subsection to the Governor and the joint standing committees
1127 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
1128 education and human services.

1129 **[(c)] (d)** The Early Childhood [Education] Cabinet shall be within
1130 the [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood for
1131 administrative purposes only.

1132 Sec. 14. Section 10-16aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
1133 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1134 There is established an account to be known as the competitive
1135 district grant account which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account
1136 within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys
1137 required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account
1138 shall be expended by the [Commissioner of Education] executive
1139 director of the Office of Early Childhood for the purposes of providing
1140 grants to competitive school districts to make slots available in
1141 [preschool] school readiness programs. For purposes of this section,
1142 "competitive school district" means a school district described in
1143 [subdivision (1) of] subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by
1144 this act, that has more than nine thousand students enrolled in schools
1145 in the district.

1146 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood
1147 is designated as the state agency for the administration of the child
1148 care development block grant pursuant to the Child Care and
1149 Development Block Grant Act of 1990.

1150 Sec. 16. Section 17b-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1151 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1152 The Department of Social Services is designated as the state agency
1153 for the administration of (1) [the child care development block grant
1154 pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990;
1155 (2)] the Connecticut energy assistance program pursuant to the Low
1156 Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981; [(3)] (2) programs for the
1157 elderly pursuant to the Older Americans Act; [(4)] (3) the state plan for
1158 vocational rehabilitation services for the fiscal year ending June 30,
1159 1994; [(5)] (4) the refugee assistance program pursuant to the Refugee
1160 Act of 1980; [(6)] (5) the legalization impact assistance grant program
1161 pursuant to the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986; [(7)] (6)
1162 the temporary assistance for needy families program pursuant to the
1163 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
1164 1996; [(8)] (7) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the Social
1165 Security Act; [(9)] (8) the supplemental nutrition assistance program
1166 pursuant to the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; [(10)] (9) the state

1167 supplement to the Supplemental Security Income Program pursuant to
1168 the Social Security Act; [(11)] (10) the state child support enforcement
1169 plan pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act; and [(12)] (11)
1170 the state social services plan for the implementation of the social
1171 services block grants and community services block grants pursuant to
1172 the Social Security Act. The Department of Social Services is
1173 designated a public housing agency for the purpose of administering
1174 the Section 8 existing certificate program and the housing voucher
1175 program pursuant to the Housing Act of 1937.

1176 Sec. 17. Subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of section 17b-705a of the
1177 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1178 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1179 (c) On or after July 1, [2012] 2014, and monthly thereafter, the
1180 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of
1181 Early Childhood shall compile a list of the names of family child care
1182 providers who have participated in the child care subsidy program
1183 established pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act, within
1184 the previous six calendar months. Such list shall be considered a public
1185 record, as defined in section 1-200.

1186 (d) For purposes of sections 4-65a and 5-270 and subsection (a) of
1187 section 5-278, the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early
1188 Childhood shall be considered an executive branch employer and an
1189 organization representing family child care providers that has been
1190 designated by the State Board of Labor Relations, pursuant to section
1191 5-275 or subsection (g) of this section, as the exclusive bargaining agent
1192 of such providers, shall have the right to bargain [with the state]
1193 concerning the terms and conditions of participation of family child
1194 care providers in the program covered by this section, including, but
1195 not limited to, (1) state reimbursement rates, (2) benefits, (3) payment
1196 procedures, (4) contract grievance arbitration, and (5) training,
1197 professional development and other requirements and opportunities
1198 appropriate for family child care providers.

1199 (e) (1) If the organization representing family child care providers
1200 and the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood do
1201 not reach an agreement not later than one hundred fifty days after
1202 negotiations have begun, the parties shall jointly select an arbitrator.
1203 The arbitrator selected shall have experience as an impartial arbitrator
1204 of labor-management disputes, and shall not be an individual
1205 employed as an advocate or consultant for labor or management in
1206 labor-management disputes. If the parties fail to agree on an arbitrator
1207 not later than one hundred sixty days after negotiations have begun,
1208 the selection of the arbitrator shall be made using the procedures
1209 under the voluntary labor arbitration rules of the American Arbitration
1210 Association.

1211 (2) Each party shall submit to the arbitrator, and to each other, a
1212 proposal setting forth such party's position on how each of the
1213 unresolved issues shall be resolved.

1214 (3) The arbitrator shall convene a hearing to allow the parties to
1215 provide evidence and argument to the arbitrator. The parties shall
1216 have the right to submit written briefs to the arbitrator. The arbitration
1217 record shall be officially closed at the close of the hearing, or the
1218 arbitrator's receipt of briefs, whichever is later.

1219 (4) The arbitrator's authority is limited to selecting the complete
1220 proposal of one party or the other on any unresolved issue. The
1221 arbitrator shall issue an award not later than forty-five days after the
1222 close of the record.

1223 (5) The factors to be considered by the arbitrator in arriving at a
1224 decision are: (A) The nature and needs of the family child care
1225 program and the needs and welfare of parents and children served by
1226 that program, including interests in better recruitment, retention and
1227 quality with respect to the covered family child care provider; (B) the
1228 history of negotiations between the parties including those leading to
1229 the instant proceeding; (C) the existing conditions of employment of
1230 similar groups of workers; (D) changes in the cost of living; and (E) the

1231 interests and welfare of the covered family child care providers.

1232 (6) The costs of the arbitrator and any fees associated with the
1233 arbitration proceeding shall be shared equally by the parties.

1234 (7) Any agreement or award reached pursuant to this section shall
1235 be submitted to the General Assembly for approval by filing the
1236 agreement or award with the clerks of the House and Senate. No
1237 provision of any agreement or award resulting from the collective
1238 bargaining process which would require supercedence of any law or
1239 regulation shall take effect without affirmative legislative approval.

1240 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any
1241 provision in any agreement or award which would require an
1242 additional appropriation in order to maintain the levels of services
1243 provided by existing appropriations shall be presented to the General
1244 Assembly for approval in accordance with the budgetary process
1245 applicable to appropriations, including, but not limited to, affirmative
1246 legislative approval. Other provisions of the agreement or award shall
1247 be deemed approved unless affirmatively rejected by a majority of
1248 either house not later than thirty days after the filing with the clerk of
1249 that chamber, provided the thirty-day period shall not begin or expire
1250 unless the General Assembly is in regular session. Once approved by
1251 the General Assembly, any provision of an agreement or award need
1252 not be resubmitted by the parties to such agreement or award as part
1253 of a future agreement approval process unless changes in the language
1254 of such provision are negotiated by the parties.

1255 Sec. 18. Section 17b-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1256 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1257 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1258 Office of Early Childhood may accept and receive, on behalf of the
1259 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood or on behalf
1260 of the Children's Trust Fund established pursuant to section 17b-751,
1261 as amended by this act, any bequest or gift of personal property for

1262 services for a person who is, or members of whose immediate family
1263 are, receiving assistance or services from the [Department of Social
1264 Services, or both,] Office of Early Childhood or for services for a
1265 former recipient of assistance from the Department of Social Services
1266 or a potential recipient of assistance from the [Department of Social
1267 Services] Office of Early Childhood or for programs or services
1268 described in section 17b-751, as amended by this act. Any federal
1269 funds generated by virtue of any such bequest or gift may be used for
1270 the extension of services to such person or family members.

1271 Sec. 19. Section 17b-730 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1272 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1273 (a) [The] Until June 30, 2014, the Commissioner of Social Services
1274 [is] and the executive director of the Office of Early Childhood are
1275 authorized to take advantage of any federal statutes and regulations
1276 relating to child day care and shall have the power to administer any
1277 federally-assisted child day care program in the event that said federal
1278 statutes or regulations require that [said] the federally-assisted
1279 program be administered by a single state agency.

1280 (b) On and after July 1, 2014, the executive director shall succeed the
1281 commissioner for the purposes of taking advantage of federal statutes
1282 and regulations and administering such child care programs pursuant
1283 to subsection (a) of this section.

1284 [(b)] (c) The Commissioner of Social Services [is] and the executive
1285 director of the Office of Early Childhood are authorized to take
1286 advantage of Title V of Public Law 88-452, entitled "Economic
1287 Opportunity Act of 1964", with respect to providing work training, aid
1288 and assistance to persons eligible for state-administered general
1289 assistance or public assistance, and to administer the same in such
1290 manner as is required for the receipt of federal funds therefor.

1291 Sec. 20. Section 17b-733 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1292 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1293 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall
1294 be the lead agency for child day care services in Connecticut. The
1295 [department] office shall: (1) Identify, annually, existing child day care
1296 services and maintain an inventory of all available services; (2) provide
1297 technical assistance to corporations and private agencies in the
1298 development and expansion of child day care services for families at
1299 all income levels, including families of their employees and clients; (3)
1300 study and identify funding sources available for child day care
1301 including federal funds and tax benefits; (4) study the cost and
1302 availability of liability insurance for child day care providers; (5)
1303 [provide, in conjunction with the Departments of Education and
1304 Higher Education, ongoing training for child day care providers
1305 including preparing videotaped workshops and distributing them to
1306 cable stations for broadcast on public access stations, and seek private
1307 donations to fund such training; (6)] encourage child day care services
1308 to obtain accreditation; [(7)] (6) develop a range of financing options
1309 for child care services, including the use of a tax-exempt bond
1310 program, a loan guarantee program and establishing a direct revolving
1311 loan program; [(8)] (7) promote the colocation of child day care and
1312 school readiness programs pursuant to section 4b-31; [(9)] (8) establish
1313 a performance-based evaluation system; [(10)] (9) develop for
1314 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly measures
1315 to provide incentives for the private sector to develop and support
1316 expanded child day care services; [(11)] (10) provide, within available
1317 funds and in conjunction with the temporary family assistance
1318 program, as defined in section 17b-680 and administered by the
1319 Department of Social Services, child day care to public assistance
1320 recipients; [(12)] (11) develop and implement, with the assistance of the
1321 [Child Day Care Council and the Departments of Public Health, Social
1322 Services, Education, Higher Education, Children and Families,
1323 Economic and Community Development and Consumer Protection, a
1324 state-wide coordinated child day care and early childhood education
1325 training system (A) for child day care centers, group day care homes
1326 and family day care homes that provide child day care services, and
1327 (B)] Early Childhood Cabinet, a coordinated and comprehensive state-

1328 wide system of professional development for providers and staff of
1329 early childhood care and education programs including child day care
1330 centers, group day care homes and family day care homes that provide
1331 child day care services, that makes available to such providers and
1332 their staff, within available appropriations, scholarship assistance,
1333 career counseling and training [] and advancement in career ladders,
1334 as defined in section 4-124bb; [, through seamless articulation of levels
1335 of training, program accreditation support and other initiatives
1336 recommended by the Departments of Social Services, Education and
1337 Higher Education; (13)] (12) plan and implement a unit cost
1338 reimbursement system for state-funded child day care services such
1339 that, on and after January 1, 2008, any increase in reimbursement shall
1340 be based on a requirement that such centers meet the staff
1341 qualifications, as defined in subsection (b) of section 10-16p, as
1342 amended by this act; [(14)] (13) develop, within available funds,
1343 initiatives to increase compensation paid to child day care providers
1344 for educational opportunities, including, but not limited to, (A)
1345 incentives for educational advancement paid to persons employed by
1346 child day care centers receiving state or federal funds, and (B) support
1347 for the establishment and implementation by the Labor Commissioner
1348 of apprenticeship programs for child day care workers pursuant to
1349 sections 31-22m to 31-22q, inclusive, which programs shall be jointly
1350 administered by labor and management trustees; [(15)] (14) evaluate
1351 the effectiveness of any initiatives developed pursuant to subdivision
1352 [(14)] (13) of this section in improving staff retention rates and the
1353 quality of education and care provided to children; and [(16)] (15)
1354 report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, in
1355 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the status of child
1356 day care in Connecticut. Such report shall include (A) an itemization of
1357 the allocation of state and federal funds for child care programs; (B) the
1358 number of children served under each program so funded; (C) the
1359 number and type of such programs, providers and support personnel;
1360 (D) state activities to encourage partnership between the public and
1361 private sectors; (E) average payments issued by the state for both part-
1362 time and full-time child care; (F) range of family income and

1363 percentages served within each range by such programs; and (G) age
1364 range of children served.

1365 Sec. 21. Section 17b-734 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1366 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1367 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1368 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and administer a program of
1369 grants to municipalities and state agencies for the purpose of planning,
1370 site preparation, construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities for
1371 use as child care facilities to be used primarily by the children of
1372 employees of such municipalities or state agencies and other potential
1373 participants. If openings occur for other potential participants in such a
1374 child care facility, priority for such openings shall be given to families
1375 at or below seventy-five per cent of the state's median income.

1376 Sec. 22. Subsection (a) of section 17b-735 of the general statutes is
1377 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1378 *1, 2014*):

1379 (a) For the purposes described in section 17b-734, as amended by
1380 this act, and for the payment of any administrative expenses of the
1381 [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood related
1382 thereto the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
1383 time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
1384 series and principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate six million
1385 twenty-four thousand seven hundred ninety-eight dollars, provided
1386 one million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2000.

1387 Sec. 23. Section 17b-736 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1388 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1389 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1390 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations in accordance with
1391 chapter 54 to carry out the purposes of sections 17b-734 and 17b-735, as
1392 amended by this act.

1393 Sec. 24. Section 17b-737 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1394 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1395 The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education shall establish a
1396 program, within available appropriations, to provide grants to
1397 municipalities, boards of education and child care providers to
1398 encourage the use of school facilities for the provision of child day care
1399 services before and after school. In order to qualify for a grant, a
1400 municipality, board of education or child care provider shall guarantee
1401 the availability of a school site which meets the standards set on or
1402 before June 30, 2014, by the Department of Public Health and on and
1403 after July 1, 2014, by the Office of Early Childhood, in regulations
1404 adopted under sections 19a-77, as amended by this act, 19a-79, as
1405 amended by this act, 19a-80, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-
1406 87a, inclusive, as amended by this act, and shall agree to provide
1407 liability insurance coverage for the program. Grant funds shall be used
1408 by the municipality, board of education or child care provider for the
1409 maintenance and utility costs directly attributable to the use of the
1410 school facility for the day care program, for related transportation costs
1411 and for the portion of the municipality, board of education or child
1412 care provider liability insurance cost and other operational costs
1413 directly attributable to the day care program. The municipality or
1414 board of education may contract with a child day care provider for the
1415 program. The Commissioner of [Social Services] Education may adopt
1416 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for
1417 purposes of this section. The commissioner may utilize available child
1418 care subsidies to implement the provisions of this section and
1419 encourage association and cooperation with the Head Start program
1420 established pursuant to section 10-16n, as amended by this act.

1421 Sec. 25. Section 17b-738 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1422 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1423 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1424 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and administer a program of
1425 loans to business firms, as defined in subsection (a) of section 12-631,

1426 for the purpose of planning, site preparation, construction, renovation
1427 or acquisition of facilities, within the state, for use as licensed child day
1428 care centers, family day care homes or group day care homes to be
1429 used primarily by the children of employees of such corporations and
1430 children of employees of the municipalities in which such facilities are
1431 located. Such loans shall be made in accordance with the terms and
1432 conditions as provided in regulations adopted by the [Commissioner
1433 of Social Services] executive director, in accordance with chapter 54,
1434 shall be made for a period not to exceed five years and shall bear
1435 interest at a rate to be determined in accordance with subsection (t) of
1436 section 3-20.

1437 Sec. 26. Section 17b-739 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1438 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1439 Whenever the state (1) constructs, acquires or receives as a gift any
1440 office building which accommodates three hundred or more state
1441 employees, or (2) alters, repairs or makes additions to an existing state
1442 building which accommodates three hundred or more employees and
1443 such alterations, repairs or additions affect at least twenty-five per cent
1444 of the square footage of such building, the Department of Construction
1445 Services shall notify the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early
1446 Childhood. The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early
1447 Childhood, with the assistance of the Department of Administrative
1448 Services, shall determine the need for child care services for the
1449 employees in such building and other potential participants. If a
1450 demonstrated need for child care exists for thirty or more children of
1451 such employees and other potential participants and such care is
1452 unavailable, the Department of Construction Services shall set aside
1453 adequate space for child care facilities in such building. If openings
1454 occur for other potential participants in such a child care facility,
1455 priority for such openings shall be given to families at or below
1456 seventy-five per cent of the state's median income. Such facilities shall
1457 meet all state licensure requirements. The provisions of this section
1458 shall not apply to correctional institutions.

1459 Sec. 27. Section 17b-749 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1460 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1461 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1462 Office of Early Childhood shall establish and operate a child care
1463 subsidy program to increase the availability, affordability and quality
1464 of child care services for families with a parent or caretaker who is
1465 working, attending high school or who receives cash assistance under
1466 the temporary family assistance program from the Department of
1467 Social Services and is participating in an approved education, training,
1468 or other job preparation activity. Services available under the child
1469 care program shall include the provision of child care subsidies for
1470 children under the age of thirteen or children under the age of nineteen
1471 with special needs. The [department] office shall open and maintain
1472 enrollment for the child care subsidy program and shall administer
1473 such program within the existing budgetary resources available. The
1474 [department] office shall issue a notice on the [department's] office's
1475 Internet web site and shall provide written notice to recipients of
1476 program benefits and to service providers any time the [department]
1477 office closes the program to new applications, changes eligibility
1478 requirements, changes program benefits or makes any other change to
1479 the program's status or terms, provided the [department] office shall
1480 not be required to issue such notice when the [department] office
1481 expands program eligibility. Any change in the [department's] office's
1482 acceptance of new applications, eligibility requirements, program
1483 benefits or any other change to the program's status or terms for which
1484 the [department] office is required to give notice pursuant to this
1485 subsection, shall not be effective until thirty days after the
1486 [department] office issues such notice.

1487 (b) The [commissioner] executive director shall establish income
1488 standards for applicants and recipients at a level to include a family
1489 with gross income up to fifty per cent of the state-wide median
1490 income, except the [commissioner] executive director (1) may increase
1491 the income level to up to seventy-five per cent of the state-wide

1492 median income, (2) upon the request of the Commissioner of Children
1493 and Families, may waive the income standards for adoptive families so
1494 that children adopted on or after October 1, 1999, from the Department
1495 of Children and Families are eligible for the child care subsidy
1496 program, and (3) on and after March 1, 2003, shall reduce the income
1497 eligibility level to up to fifty-five per cent of the state-wide median
1498 income for applicants and recipients who qualify based on their loss of
1499 eligibility for temporary family assistance. The [commissioner]
1500 executive director may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter
1501 54 to establish income criteria and durational requirements for such
1502 waiver of income standards.

1503 (c) The [commissioner] executive director, in conjunction with the
1504 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish eligibility and
1505 program standards including, but not limited to: (1) A priority intake
1506 and eligibility system with preference given to serving recipients of
1507 temporary family assistance who are employed or engaged in
1508 employment activities under the [department's] Department of Social
1509 Services' "Jobs First" program, working families whose temporary
1510 family assistance was discontinued not more than five years prior to
1511 the date of application for the child care subsidy program, teen
1512 parents, low-income working families, adoptive families of children
1513 who were adopted from the Department of Children and Families and
1514 who are granted a waiver of income standards under subdivision (2) of
1515 subsection (b), and working families who are at risk of welfare
1516 dependency; (2) health and safety standards for child care providers
1517 not required to be licensed; (3) a reimbursement system for child care
1518 services which account for differences in the age of the child, number
1519 of children in the family, the geographic region and type of care
1520 provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, the cost and type of
1521 services provided by licensed and unlicensed caregivers, successful
1522 completion of fifteen hours of annual in-service training or
1523 credentialing of child care directors and administrators, and program
1524 accreditation; (4) supplemental payment for special needs of the child
1525 and extended nontraditional hours; (5) an annual rate review process

1526 for providers which assures that reimbursement rates are maintained
1527 at levels which permit equal access to a variety of child care settings;
1528 (6) a sliding reimbursement scale for participating families; (7) an
1529 administrative appeals process; (8) an administrative hearing process
1530 to adjudicate cases of alleged fraud and abuse and to impose sanctions
1531 and recover overpayments; (9) an extended period of program and
1532 payment eligibility when a parent who is receiving a child care
1533 subsidy experiences a temporary interruption in employment or other
1534 approved activity; and (10) a waiting list for the child care subsidy
1535 program that reflects the priority and eligibility system set forth in
1536 subdivision (1) of this subsection, which is reviewed periodically, with
1537 the inclusion of this information in the annual report required to be
1538 issued annually by the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early
1539 Childhood to the Governor and the General Assembly in accordance
1540 with subdivision (10) of section 17b-733, as amended by this act. Such
1541 action will include, but not be limited to, family income, age of child,
1542 region of state and length of time on such waiting list.

1543 (d) (1) Not later than January 1, 2011, an applicant determined to be
1544 eligible for program benefits shall remain eligible for such benefits for
1545 a period of not less than eight months from the date that such
1546 applicant is determined to be eligible, provided the commissioner has
1547 not determined, during such eight-month period, that the applicant's
1548 circumstances have changed so as to render the applicant ineligible for
1549 program benefits. The commissioner shall not make an eligibility
1550 determination for a recipient of program benefits more than one time
1551 per eight-month period, except as provided in subsection (e) of this
1552 section.

1553 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, the executive director of the Office of
1554 Early Childhood shall succeed the Commissioner of Social Services for
1555 the purpose of making the eligibility determinations pursuant to
1556 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

1557 (e) (1) Not later than October 15, 2011, the commissioner shall
1558 submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to

1559 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
1560 cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations
1561 [and the budgets of state agencies] concerning eligibility
1562 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. Such report shall
1563 include an analysis of overpayments of program benefits made by the
1564 department and administrative costs incurred by the department as a
1565 result of eligibility redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On
1566 and after October 15, 2011, and until June 30, 2014, the commissioner
1567 may make eligibility redeterminations on a six-month basis if, after
1568 January 1, 2011, the department's overpayments of program benefits
1569 have increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010,
1570 and December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility
1571 redetermination period.

1572 (2) On and after July 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, the executive
1573 director shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of
1574 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
1575 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
1576 appropriations concerning eligibility redeterminations made on an
1577 eight-month basis. Such report shall include an analysis of
1578 overpayments of program benefits made by the office and
1579 administrative costs incurred by the office as a result of eligibility
1580 redeterminations made on an eight-month basis. On and after July 1,
1581 2013, the executive director may make eligibility redeterminations on a
1582 six-month basis if the office's overpayments of program benefits have
1583 increased in comparison with the period between January 1, 2010, and
1584 December 31, 2010, as a result of having an eight-month eligibility
1585 redetermination period.

1586 (f) A provider under the child care subsidy program that qualifies
1587 for eligibility and subsequently receives payment for child care
1588 services for recipients under this section shall be reimbursed for such
1589 services until informed by the [Department of Social Services] Office of
1590 Early Childhood of the recipient's ineligibility.

1591 (g) All licensed child care providers and those providers exempt

1592 from licensing shall provide the [Department of Social Services] Office
1593 of Early Childhood with the following information in order to
1594 maintain eligibility for reimbursement: (1) The name, address,
1595 appropriate identification, Social Security number and telephone
1596 number of the provider and all adults who work for or reside at the
1597 location where care is provided; (2) the name and address of the child's
1598 doctor, primary care provider and health insurance company; (3)
1599 whether the child is immunized and has had health screens pursuant
1600 to the federal Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment
1601 Services Program under 42 USC 1396d; and (4) the number of children
1602 cared for by the provider.

1603 (h) On or after [January 1, 1998] July 1, 2014, the [commissioner]
1604 executive director shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
1605 provisions of chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this section.

1606 (i) The [commissioner] executive director shall submit to the joint
1607 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
1608 matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets
1609 of state agencies a copy of the Child Care and Development Fund Plan
1610 that the [commissioner] executive director submits to the
1611 Administration for Children and Families pursuant to federal law. The
1612 copy of the plan shall be submitted to the committees not later than
1613 thirty days after submission of the plan to the Administration for
1614 Children and Families.

1615 Sec. 28. Section 17b-749a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1616 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1617 (a) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office
1618 of Early Childhood shall establish, within available appropriations, a
1619 program to (1) purchase directly or provide subsidies to parents to
1620 purchase child day care services provided by any elementary or
1621 secondary school, nursery school, preschool, day care center, group
1622 day care home, family day care home, family resource center, Head
1623 Start program, or local or regional board of education, provided, if the

1624 [commissioner] executive director purchases such services directly, he
1625 or she shall give preference to purchasing from providers of full-day
1626 and year-round programs; and (2) award grants to providers of school
1627 readiness programs, as defined in section 10-16p, as amended by this
1628 act, to increase the hours of operation of their programs in order to
1629 provide child care for children attending such programs. The
1630 [commissioner] executive director, for purposes of subdivision (1) of
1631 this subsection, may model the program on the program established
1632 pursuant to section 17b-749, as amended by this act.

1633 (b) No funds received by a provider pursuant to this section shall be
1634 used to supplant federal funding received for early childhood
1635 education on behalf of children in an early childhood education
1636 program.

1637 (c) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director shall: (1)
1638 Coordinate the development of a range of alternative programs to
1639 meet the needs of all children; (2) foster partnerships between school
1640 districts and private organizations; (3) provide information and
1641 assistance to parents in selecting an appropriate school readiness
1642 program; and (4) work to ensure, to the extent possible, that school
1643 readiness programs allow open enrollment for all children and allow
1644 families receiving benefits for such a program to choose a public or
1645 accredited private program.

1646 Sec. 29. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17b-749c of the general
1647 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
1648 (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1649 (a) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office
1650 of Early Childhood shall establish a program, within available
1651 appropriations, to provide, on a competitive basis, supplemental
1652 quality enhancement grants to providers of child day care services or
1653 providers of school readiness programs pursuant to section 10-16p, as
1654 amended by this act, and section 10-16u, as amended by this act. Child
1655 day care providers and school readiness programs may apply for a

1656 supplemental quality enhancement grant at such time and on such
1657 form as the [Commissioner of Education] executive director prescribes.
1658 Effective July 1, [2011] 2013, the [commissioner] executive director
1659 shall make funds payable to providers under such grants on a
1660 prospective basis.

1661 (b) Priority for such grants shall be given to programs that are: (1)
1662 Included in a local school readiness plan; (2) full-day, year-round
1663 programs; and (3) accredited, as defined in subdivision [(4)] (5) of
1664 subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

1665 Sec. 30. Section 17b-749d of the general statutes is repealed and the
1666 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1667 Each licensed child day care provider receiving funding directly
1668 from the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood
1669 shall adopt a sliding fee scale based on family income. The
1670 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of
1671 Early Childhood shall develop a minimum sliding fee scale which may
1672 be adjusted upward by each such licensed day care program. All
1673 income derived from such fees shall be used to support the child day
1674 care program.

1675 Sec. 31. Section 17b-749e of the general statutes is repealed and the
1676 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1677 The [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood shall
1678 establish and fund five regional accreditation projects, within available
1679 appropriations. The [department] office shall select qualified
1680 applicants for each region through a request for proposal process. The
1681 [department] office shall give priority to child day care facilities where
1682 at least twenty per cent of the children live with families earning less
1683 than seventy-five per cent of the state median income level.

1684 Sec. 32. Section 17b-749f of the general statutes is repealed and the
1685 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1686 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the
1687 Commissioner of Education,] executive director of the Office of Early
1688 Childhood shall develop and implement a performance-based
1689 evaluation system to evaluate licensed child day care centers, within
1690 available appropriations. Such a performance-based evaluation system
1691 shall be similar to the Head Start Performance Standards in 45 CFR
1692 1304.

1693 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director shall
1694 conduct, within available appropriations, a longitudinal study that
1695 examines the developmental progress of children and their families
1696 both during and following participation in a child day care program.

1697 (c) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director shall
1698 report to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, on or
1699 before January 1, [1998] 2014, on the implementation of the
1700 performance-based evaluation system and on the longitudinal study,
1701 and annually thereafter on the cumulative results of the evaluations.

1702 Sec. 33. Section 17b-749g of the general statutes is repealed and the
1703 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1704 (a) There is established a child care facilities loan guarantee
1705 program for the purpose of guaranteeing loans for the expansion or
1706 development of child care and child development centers in the state.
1707 The program shall contain any moneys required by law to be
1708 deposited in the program, including, but not limited to, any moneys
1709 appropriated by the state, premiums and fees for guaranteeing loans,
1710 and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of collateral
1711 relating to loan guarantees. Any balance remaining in the program at
1712 the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the program for
1713 the fiscal year next succeeding. The program shall be used to guarantee
1714 loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and to pay reasonable
1715 and necessary expenses incurred for administration under this section.
1716 The [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
1717 Early Childhood may enter into a contract with a quasi-public agency,

1718 banking institution or nonprofit corporation to provide for the
1719 administration of the program, provided no loan guarantee shall be
1720 made from the program without the authorization of the
1721 [commissioner] executive director as provided in subsection (b) of this
1722 section. The total aggregate amount of guarantees from the program,
1723 with respect to the insured portions of the loan, may not exceed at any
1724 one time an amount equal to three times the balance in the guarantee
1725 program.

1726 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
1727 Education] executive director, may guarantee the repayment of loans,
1728 including, but not limited to, principal and interest, to a lending
1729 institution that has provided funding for the construction,
1730 reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of child care and child
1731 development facilities. The total aggregate of any loan guarantee
1732 under this section shall be not less than twenty per cent and shall not
1733 exceed fifty per cent of the principal amount of the obligation, as
1734 determined by approved underwriting standards approved by the
1735 [commissioner] executive director, and upon such terms and
1736 conditions as the [commissioner] executive director may prescribe. The
1737 term of any loan guarantee shall be determined by the useful life of the
1738 improvement but in no event shall exceed thirty years. The
1739 [commissioner] executive director shall arrange by contract with each
1740 lending institution or the borrower to safeguard the interests of the
1741 program in the event of a default by the borrower, including, at the
1742 discretion of the [commissioner] executive director, provision for
1743 notice to the program of default by the borrower, for foreclosure or
1744 other realization upon any security for the loan, for the time and
1745 conditions for payment to the lending institution by the program of the
1746 amount of any loss to the lending institution guaranteed by the
1747 program and for the disposition of the proceeds realized from any
1748 security for the loan guaranteed. When it appears desirable for a
1749 temporary period upon default or threatened default by the borrower,
1750 the [commissioner] executive director may authorize payments of
1751 installments of principal or interest, or both, from the program to the

1752 lending institution, and of taxes and insurance, which payments shall
1753 be repaid under such conditions as the program may prescribe and the
1754 program may also agree to revise terms of financing when such
1755 appears pertinent. Upon request of the lending institution, the
1756 [commissioner] executive director may at any time, under such
1757 equitable terms and conditions as it may prescribe, consent to the
1758 release of the borrower from his liability under the loan or consent to
1759 the release of parts of any secured property from the lien of the
1760 lending institution.

1761 (c) Priority for loan guarantees shall be given to financing child care
1762 centers and child development centers that (1) have obtained
1763 accreditation from the National Association for the Education of
1764 Young Children or have an application pending for such accreditation,
1765 and (2) are included in a local school readiness plan, and (3) shall
1766 promote the colocation of programs endorsed by the [Commissioners
1767 of Education and Social Services] executive director pursuant to
1768 section 4b-31. School readiness programs, licensed child care providers
1769 or nonprofit developers of a child care center operating under a legally
1770 enforceable agreement with child care providers are eligible for such
1771 guaranteed loans.

1772 (d) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may adopt
1773 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
1774 establish procedures and qualifications for application for guarantees
1775 under this section.

1776 Sec. 34. Section 17b-749h of the general statutes is repealed and the
1777 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1778 (a) There is established a program to be known as the "child care
1779 facilities direct revolving loan program". The program shall contain
1780 any moneys required by law to be deposited in the program,
1781 including, but not limited to, any moneys appropriated by the state,
1782 premiums, fees, interest payments and principal payments on direct
1783 loans and proceeds from the sale, disposition, lease or rental of

1784 collateral relating to direct loans. Any balance remaining in the
1785 program at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward in the
1786 program for the next succeeding fiscal year. The program shall be used
1787 to make loans pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, to make loan
1788 guarantees and to pay reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in
1789 administering loans and loan guarantees under this section. The
1790 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early
1791 Childhood may enter into a contract with a quasi-public agency,
1792 banking institution or nonprofit corporation to provide for the
1793 administration of the loan program, provided no loan or loan
1794 guarantee shall be made from the fund without the authorization of
1795 the [commissioner] executive director as provided in subsection (b) of
1796 this section.

1797 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
1798 Education] executive director, may enter into a contract to provide
1799 financial assistance in the form of interest-free loans, deferred loans or
1800 guaranteed loans to child care providers or to nonprofit developers of
1801 a child care facility operating under a legally enforceable agreement
1802 with a child care provider, for costs or expenses incurred and directly
1803 connected with the expansion, improvement or development of child
1804 care facilities. Such costs and expenses may include: (1) Advances of
1805 loan proceeds for direct loans; (2) expenses incurred in project
1806 planning and design, including architectural expenses; (3) legal and
1807 financial expenses; (4) expenses incurred in obtaining required permits
1808 and approvals; (5) options to purchase land; (6) expenses incurred in
1809 obtaining required insurance; (7) expenses incurred in meeting state
1810 and local child care standards; (8) minor renovations and upgrading
1811 child care facilities to meet such standards and loans for the purpose of
1812 obtaining licensure under section 19a-77, as amended by this act; (9)
1813 purchase and installation of equipment, machinery and furniture,
1814 including equipment needed to accommodate children with special
1815 needs; and (10) other preliminary expenses authorized by the
1816 [commissioner] executive director. Loan proceeds shall not be used for
1817 the refinancing of existing loans, working capital, supplies or

1818 inventory.

1819 (c) The amount of a direct loan under this section may be up to
1820 eighty per cent of the total amount of investment but shall not exceed
1821 twenty-five thousand dollars for such facility as determined by the
1822 [commissioner] executive director except [that] if an applicant for a
1823 loan under this section has an existing loan that is guaranteed by the
1824 child care facilities loan guarantee program, established under section
1825 17b-749g, as amended by this act, the direct loan provided under this
1826 section shall not exceed twenty per cent of the investment. The amount
1827 of any guarantee and a direct loan under this section shall not exceed
1828 eighty per cent.

1829 (d) Each provider applying for a loan under this section shall submit
1830 an application, on a form provided by the [commissioner] executive
1831 director that shall include, but is not limited to, the following
1832 information: (1) A detailed description of the proposed or existing
1833 child care facility; (2) an itemization of known and estimated costs; (3)
1834 the total amount of investment required to expand or develop the child
1835 care facility; (4) the funds available to the applicant without financial
1836 assistance from the [department] office; (5) the amount of financial
1837 assistance sought from the [department] office; (6) information relating
1838 to the financial status of the applicant, including, if available, a current
1839 balance sheet, a profit and loss statement and credit references; and (7)
1840 evidence that the loan applicant shall, as of the loan closing, own, have
1841 an option to purchase or have a lease for the term of the loan. Security
1842 for the loan may include an assignment of the lease or other
1843 subordination of any mortgage and the borrower shall be in default if
1844 the loan is not used for the intended purpose.

1845 (e) Payments of principal and interest on such loans shall be paid to
1846 the State Treasurer for deposit in the child care facilities direct
1847 revolving loan program established in subsection (a) of this section.

1848 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may adopt
1849 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the provisions

1850 of this section. Such regulations may clarify loan procedures,
1851 repayment terms, security requirements, default and remedy
1852 provisions, and such other terms and conditions as [said
1853 commissioner] the executive director shall deem appropriate.

1854 Sec. 35. Section 17b-749i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1855 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1856 Within appropriations available to the State Treasurer for child care
1857 facilities, not already allocated toward debt service for specific child
1858 care facilities, the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of
1859 the Office of Early Childhood may, upon submission of a request by a
1860 facility operating a child care program that is financed with tax-exempt
1861 or taxable bonds issued through the Connecticut Health and
1862 Educational Facilities Authority, allow actual debt service, comprised
1863 of principal, interest and premium, if any, on the loan or loans, a debt
1864 service reserve fund and a reasonable repair and replacement reserve
1865 to be paid, provided such debt service terms and amounts are
1866 determined by the [commissioner] executive director, at the time the
1867 loan is entered into, to be reasonable in relation to the useful life and
1868 base value of the property.

1869 Sec. 36. Section 17b-749j of the general statutes is repealed and the
1870 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1871 The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1872 Office of Early Childhood shall establish health and safety standards,
1873 within available appropriations, for the child care subsidy program.
1874 The [commissioner] executive director shall adopt regulations, in
1875 accordance with chapter 54, which shall include, but not be limited to,
1876 the following: (1) A requirement for the provider or relative to apply
1877 for reimbursement from the [Department of Social Services] Office of
1878 Early Childhood; (2) a requirement for the provider or relative to
1879 provide reasonable confirmation of physical premises safety pursuant
1880 to 45 CFR Part 98.41; and (3) minimum health and safety training
1881 appropriate to the provider setting and the prevention and control of

1882 infectious diseases, including immunization. The [commissioner]
1883 executive director shall, within available appropriations, distribute
1884 information on the availability of health and safety training and
1885 assistance.

1886 Sec. 37. Section 17b-749k of the general statutes is repealed and the
1887 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1888 (a) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the
1889 Office of Early Childhood shall, within available appropriations,
1890 require any person, other than a relative, providing child care services
1891 to a child in the child's home who receives a child care subsidy from
1892 the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood to
1893 submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The
1894 criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection
1895 shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The
1896 [commissioner] executive director shall also request a check of the state
1897 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k.

1898 (b) The [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director shall
1899 have the discretion to refuse payments for child care under any
1900 financial assistance program administered by him or her if the person
1901 providing such child care has been convicted in this state or any other
1902 state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, involving the use,
1903 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
1904 person, of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of
1905 injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,
1906 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-
1907 23 or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under
1908 eighteen years of age, or of a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-
1909 70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, or has a criminal record or
1910 was the subject of a substantiated report of child abuse in this state or
1911 any other state that the [commissioner] executive director reasonably
1912 believes renders the person unsuitable to provide child care.

1913 Sec. 38. Section 17b-750 of the general statutes is repealed and the

1914 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1915 No child care subsidy shall be paid to an unlicensed child care
1916 provider if such provider has been convicted of any crime involving
1917 sexual assault of a minor or serious physical injury to a minor or any
1918 crime committed in any other state or jurisdiction the essential
1919 elements of which are substantially the same as such crimes. If the
1920 [commissioner] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood has
1921 reason to believe that a provider of child care services has been so
1922 convicted, the [commissioner] executive director may demand that
1923 such provider be subject to state and national criminal history records
1924 checks. If criminal history records checks are required pursuant to this
1925 section, such checks shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-
1926 17a.

1927 Sec. 39. Section 17b-751 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1928 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1929 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of
1930 which shall be used by the council established pursuant to subsection
1931 (b) of this section and the [Commissioner of Social Services] executive
1932 director of the Office of Early Childhood with the advice of the
1933 Children's Trust Fund Council to fund programs aimed at preventing
1934 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is
1935 intended to be in addition to those resources that would otherwise be
1936 appropriated by the state for programs aimed at preventing child
1937 abuse and neglect and family resource programs. The Children's Trust
1938 Fund Council and the [commissioner] executive director may apply for
1939 and accept any federal funds which are available for a Children's Trust
1940 Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner required by
1941 federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and gifts made
1942 pursuant to section 17a-18. The Children's Trust Fund Council and the
1943 [commissioner] executive director may solicit and accept funds, on
1944 behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of
1945 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs. The
1946 [Commissioner of Social Services] executive director of the Office of

1947 Early Childhood, with the advice of the Children's Trust Fund Council,
1948 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
1949 54, to administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements for
1950 programs seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive funds
1951 from the Children's Trust Fund.

1952 (b) There shall be established, within existing resources, a Children's
1953 Trust Fund Council which shall be within the [Department of Social
1954 Services] Office of Early Childhood. The council shall be composed of
1955 [sixteen] seventeen members as follows: (1) The Commissioners of
1956 Social Services, Education, Children and Families and Public Health, or
1957 their designees; (2) a representative of the business community with
1958 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the president pro tempore of
1959 the Senate; (3) a representative of the business community with
1960 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the speaker of the House of
1961 Representatives; (4) a representative of the business community with
1962 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority leader of the
1963 House of Representatives; (5) a representative of the business
1964 community with experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority
1965 leader of the Senate; (6) a parent, appointed by the majority leader of
1966 the House of Representatives; (7) a parent, appointed by the majority
1967 leader of the Senate; (8) a parent, appointed by the president pro
1968 tempore of the Senate; (9) a person with expertise in child abuse
1969 prevention, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
1970 (10) a person with expertise in child abuse prevention, appointed by
1971 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (11) a staff
1972 member of a child abuse prevention program, appointed by the
1973 minority leader of the Senate; (12) a staff member of a child abuse
1974 prevention program, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
1975 Representatives; [and] (13) a pediatrician, appointed by the majority
1976 leader of the Senate; and (14) the executive director of the Office of
1977 Early Childhood. The council shall solicit and accept funds, on behalf
1978 of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of child
1979 abuse and neglect and family resource programs, and shall make
1980 grants to programs pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1981 (c) On or before July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Children's
1982 Trust Fund Council and the [commissioner] executive director shall
1983 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the
1984 Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly
1985 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, public health
1986 and education concerning the source and amount of funds received by
1987 the Children's Trust Fund, and the manner in which such funds were
1988 administered and disbursed.

1989 Sec. 40. Section 17b-751a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1990 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

1991 A grandparent or other relative caregiver who is appointed a
1992 guardian of a child or children through the Superior Court and who is
1993 not a recipient of subsidized guardianship subsidies under section 17a-
1994 126 or foster care payments from the Department of Children and
1995 Families shall, within available appropriations, be eligible to apply for
1996 grants under the Kinship Fund and Grandparents and Relatives
1997 Respite Fund administered by the Children's Trust Fund Council and
1998 the [Department of Social Services] Office of Early Childhood through
1999 the Probate Court.

2000 Sec. 41. Section 17b-751d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2001 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2002 [(a) The Department of Social Services] The Office of Early
2003 Childhood shall be the lead state agency for community-based,
2004 prevention-focused programs and activities designed to strengthen
2005 and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect, in
2006 collaboration with the Children's Trust Fund Council, established
2007 pursuant to section 17b-751, as amended by this act. The
2008 responsibilities of the [department] office shall include, but not be
2009 limited to, collaborating with state agencies, hospitals, clinics, schools
2010 and community service organizations, with the guidance of the
2011 Children's Trust Fund Council, established pursuant to section 17b-
2012 751, as amended by this act, to: (1) Initiate programs to support

2013 families at risk for child abuse or neglect; (2) assist organizations to
2014 recognize child abuse and neglect; (3) encourage community safety; (4)
2015 increase broad-based efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect; (5)
2016 create a network of agencies to advance child abuse and neglect
2017 prevention; and (6) increase public awareness of child abuse and
2018 neglect issues. The [department] office, with the guidance of the
2019 Children's Trust Fund Council and subject to available state, federal
2020 and private funding, shall be responsible for implementing and
2021 maintaining programs and services, including, but not limited to: (A)
2022 The Nurturing Families Network, established pursuant to subsection
2023 (a) of section 17b-751b; (B) Family Empowerment Initiative programs;
2024 (C) Help Me Grow; (D) [the Kinship Fund and Grandparent's Respite
2025 Fund; (E)] Family School Connection; [(F)] (E) support services for
2026 residents of a respite group home for girls; [(G)] legal services on behalf
2027 of indigent children; (H)] (F) volunteer services; [(I)] (G) family
2028 development training; [(J)] (H) shaken baby syndrome prevention; and
2029 [(K)] (I) child sexual abuse prevention.

2030 [(b) Not later than sixty days after October 5, 2009, the
2031 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with
2032 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
2033 Assembly, having cognizance of matters relating to human services
2034 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the
2035 integration of the duties described in subsection (a) of this section into
2036 the department.]

2037 Sec. 42. Section 17b-751e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2038 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2039 Any order, regulation or contract of the Children's Trust Fund
2040 Council agency or the Department of Social Services that is in force on
2041 [September 1, 2009] July 1, 2013, shall continue in force and effect as an
2042 order, regulation or contract of the [Department of Social Services]
2043 Office of Early Childhood until amended, repealed or superseded
2044 pursuant to law.

2045 Sec. 43. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) Not later January 15, 2014, the
2046 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, in consultation
2047 with the Commissioner of Developmental Services, shall report to the
2048 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
2049 of matters relating to education and appropriations, in accordance
2050 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, regarding
2051 the feasibility of transferring the birth-to-three program, established
2052 pursuant to section 17a-248 of the general statutes, from the
2053 Department of Developmental Services to the Office of Early
2054 Childhood.

2055 Sec. 44. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) The Office of Early
2056 Childhood shall constitute a successor agency to the Department of
2057 Public Health, in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-38d and
2058 4-39 of the general statutes, for the purpose of regulating child day
2059 care services pursuant to sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-82 and
2060 19a-86 to 19a-87e, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this
2061 act, and for the purpose of administering the Maternal, Infant, and
2062 Early Childhood Home Visiting Program authorized under the Patient
2063 Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, P.L. 111-148.

2064 (b) Any order, regulation or policy of the Department of Public
2065 Health concerning child day care services that is issued pursuant to
2066 sections 19a-77, 19a-79, 19a-80, 19a-82 and 19a-86 to 19a-87e, inclusive,
2067 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, or otherwise authorized
2068 by law, that is in force on July 1, 2014, shall continue in force and effect
2069 as an order, regulation or policy until amended, repealed or
2070 superseded pursuant to law.

2071 Sec. 45. Subdivision (11) of subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the
2072 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
2073 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2074 (11) The [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood
2075 for the purpose of (A) determining the suitability of a person to care
2076 for children in a facility licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, as

2077 amended by this act, 19a-80 or 19a-87b, as amended by this act; (B)
2078 determining the suitability of such person for licensure; or (C) an
2079 investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f, as amended by
2080 this act;

2081 Sec. 46. Section 19a-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2082 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2083 (a) As used in sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by
2084 this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this
2085 act, "child day care services" shall include:

2086 (1) A "child day care center" which offers or provides a program of
2087 supplementary care to more than twelve related or unrelated children
2088 outside their own homes on a regular basis;

2089 (2) A "group day care home" which offers or provides a program of
2090 supplementary care (A) to not less than seven or more than twelve
2091 related or unrelated children on a regular basis, or (B) that meets the
2092 definition of a family day care home except that it operates in a facility
2093 other than a private family home;

2094 (3) A "family day care home" which consists of a private family
2095 home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's
2096 own children not in school full time, where the children are cared for
2097 not less than three or more than twelve hours during a twenty-four-
2098 hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis
2099 except that care may be provided in excess of twelve hours but not
2100 more than seventy-two consecutive hours to accommodate a need for
2101 extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the
2102 regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are
2103 in school full time, including the provider's own children, shall be
2104 permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children
2105 who are in school full time, all of the provider's children shall be
2106 permitted;

2107 (4) "Night care" means the care provided for one or more hours

2108 between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.;

2109 (5) "Year-round" program means a program open at least fifty
2110 weeks per year.

2111 (b) For licensing requirement purposes, child day care services shall
2112 not include such services which are:

2113 (1) (A) Administered by a public school system, or (B) administered
2114 by a municipal agency or department and located in a public school
2115 building;

2116 (2) Administered by a private school which is in compliance with
2117 section 10-188 and is approved by the State Board of Education or is
2118 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
2119 Education;

2120 (3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than
2121 two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer
2122 than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two
2123 hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports
2124 activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs
2125 exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

2126 (4) Informal arrangements among neighbors and formal or informal
2127 arrangements among relatives in their own homes, provided the
2128 relative is limited to any of the following degrees of kinship by blood
2129 or marriage to the child being cared for or to the child's parent: Child,
2130 grandchild, sibling, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle or child of one's aunt or
2131 uncle;

2132 (5) Drop-in supplementary child care operations for educational or
2133 recreational purposes and the child receives such care infrequently
2134 where the parents are on the premises;

2135 (6) Drop-in supplementary child care operations in retail
2136 establishments where the parents remain in the same store as the child

2137 for retail shopping, provided the drop-in supplementary child-care
2138 operation does not charge a fee and does not refer to itself as a child
2139 day care center;

2140 (7) Drop-in programs administered by a nationally chartered boys'
2141 and girls' club;

2142 (8) Religious educational activities administered by a religious
2143 institution exclusively for children whose parents or legal guardians
2144 are members of such religious institution;

2145 (9) Administered by Solar Youth, Inc., a New Haven-based
2146 nonprofit youth development and environmental education
2147 organization, provided Solar Youth, Inc. informs the parents and legal
2148 guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such programs
2149 are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2150 Childhood to provide child day care services;

2151 (10) Programs administered by organizations under contract with
2152 the Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-851a that
2153 promote the reduction of teenage pregnancy through the provision of
2154 services to persons who are ten to nineteen years of age, inclusive; or

2155 (11) Administered by the Cardinal Shehan Center, a Bridgeport-
2156 based nonprofit organization that is exclusively for school age
2157 children, provided the Cardinal Shehan Center informs the parents
2158 and legal guardians of any children enrolled in its programs that such
2159 programs are not licensed by the [Department of Public Health] Office
2160 of Early Childhood to provide child day care services.

2161 (c) No registrant or licensee of any child day care services as defined
2162 in subsection (a) of this section shall be issued an additional
2163 registration or license to provide any such services at the same facility.

2164 (d) When a licensee has vacated premises approved by the
2165 [department] office for the provision of child day care services and the
2166 landlord of such licensee establishes to the satisfaction of the

2167 [department] office that such licensee has no legal right or interest to
2168 such approved premises, the [department] office may make a
2169 determination with respect to an application for a new license for the
2170 provision of child day care services at such premises.

2171 Sec. 47. Section 19a-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2172 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2173 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2174 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
2175 the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of sections 19a-
2176 77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
2177 inclusive, as amended by this act, and to assure that child day care
2178 centers and group day care homes shall meet the health, educational
2179 and social needs of children utilizing such child day care centers and
2180 group day care homes. Such regulations shall (1) specify that before
2181 being permitted to attend any child day care center or group day care
2182 home, each child shall be protected as age-appropriate by adequate
2183 immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis,
2184 measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other
2185 vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted
2186 pursuant to section 19a-7f, including appropriate exemptions for
2187 children for whom such immunization is medically contraindicated
2188 and for children whose parents object to such immunization on
2189 religious grounds, (2) specify conditions under which child day care
2190 center directors and teachers and group day care home providers may
2191 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed
2192 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including
2193 controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the [commissioner]
2194 executive director, to a child receiving child day care services at such
2195 child day care center or group day care home pursuant to the written
2196 order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed
2197 to practice dental medicine in this or another state, or an advanced
2198 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with
2199 section 20-94a, or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in

2200 accordance with section 20-12d, and the written authorization of a
2201 parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an operator of a child
2202 day care center or group day care home, licensed before January 1,
2203 1986, or an operator who receives a license after January 1, 1986, for a
2204 facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall provide a minimum of
2205 thirty square feet per child of total indoor usable space, free of
2206 furniture except that needed for the children's purposes, exclusive of
2207 toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens, halls, isolation room or
2208 other rooms used for purposes other than the activities of the children,
2209 (4) specify that a child day care center or group day care home licensed
2210 after January 1, 1986, shall provide thirty-five square feet per child of
2211 total indoor usable space, (5) establish appropriate child day care
2212 center staffing requirements for employees certified in
2213 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American Red Cross, the
2214 American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, American
2215 Safety and Health Institute or Medic First Aid International, Inc., (6)
2216 specify that on and after January 1, 2003, a child day care center or
2217 group day care home (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis
2218 of a child's known or suspected allergy or because a child has a
2219 prescription for an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar
2220 automatic injectable equipment used to treat an allergic reaction, or for
2221 injectable equipment used to administer glucagon, (B) shall, not later
2222 than three weeks after such child's enrollment in such a center or
2223 home, have staff trained in the use of such equipment on-site during
2224 all hours when such a child is on-site, (C) shall require such child's
2225 parent or guardian to provide the injector or injectable equipment and
2226 a copy of the prescription for such medication and injector or injectable
2227 equipment upon enrollment of such child, and (D) shall require a
2228 parent or guardian enrolling such a child to replace such medication
2229 and equipment prior to its expiration date, and (7) specify that on and
2230 after January 1, 2005, a child day care center or group day care home
2231 (A) shall not deny services to a child on the basis of a child's diagnosis
2232 of asthma or because a child has a prescription for an inhalant
2233 medication to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than three weeks
2234 after such child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff

2235 trained in the administration of such medication on-site during all
2236 hours when such a child is on-site, and (8) establish physical plant
2237 requirements for licensed child day care centers and licensed group
2238 day care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. When
2239 establishing such requirements, the [department] office shall give
2240 consideration to child day care centers and group day care homes that
2241 are located in private or public school buildings. With respect to this
2242 subdivision only, the [commissioner] executive director shall
2243 implement policies and procedures necessary to implement the
2244 physical plant requirements established pursuant to this subdivision
2245 while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in
2246 regulation form. Until replaced by policies and procedures
2247 implemented pursuant to this subdivision, any physical plant
2248 requirement specified in the [department's] office's regulations that is
2249 generally applicable to child day care centers and group day care
2250 homes shall continue to be applicable to such centers and group day
2251 care homes that exclusively serve school-age children. The
2252 [commissioner] executive director shall print notice of the intent to
2253 adopt regulations pursuant to this subdivision in the Connecticut Law
2254 Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation of
2255 such policies and procedures. Policies and procedures implemented
2256 pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid until the time final
2257 regulations are adopted.

2258 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2259 Office of Early Childhood may adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter
2260 54, to establish civil penalties of not more than one hundred dollars per
2261 day for each day of violation and other disciplinary remedies that may
2262 be imposed, following a contested-case hearing, upon the holder of a
2263 license issued under section 19a-80, as amended by this act, to operate
2264 a child day care center or group day care home or upon the holder of a
2265 license issued under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, to operate
2266 a family day care home.

2267 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the

2268 Office of Early Childhood shall exempt Montessori schools accredited
2269 by the American Montessori Society or the Association Montessori
2270 Internationale from any provision in regulations adopted pursuant to
2271 subsection (a) of this section which sets requirements on group size or
2272 child to staff ratios or the provision of cots.

2273 Sec. 48. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2274 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2275 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
2276 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
2277 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued
2278 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by
2279 this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as amended by this act.
2280 Applications for such license shall be made to the [Commissioner of
2281 Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood on
2282 forms provided by the [commissioner] executive director and shall
2283 contain the information required by regulations adopted under said
2284 sections. The forms shall contain a notice that false statements made
2285 therein are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

2286 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the
2287 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the Office of
2288 Early Childhood shall issue such license if, upon inspection and
2289 investigation, said [commissioner] executive director finds that the
2290 applicant, the facilities and the program meet the health, educational
2291 and social needs of children likely to attend the child day care center or
2292 group day care home and comply with requirements established by
2293 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
2294 amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as
2295 amended by this act. The [commissioner] executive director shall offer
2296 an expedited application review process for an application submitted
2297 by a municipal agency or department. The [commissioner] executive
2298 director shall have discretion to determine whether a change of
2299 operator, ownership or location request from a currently licensed
2300 person or entity, as described in subsection (a) of this section, shall

2301 require the filing of a new license application from such person or
2302 entity. Each license shall be for a term of four years, shall be
2303 nontransferable, and may be renewed upon receipt by the
2304 [commissioner] executive director of a renewal application and
2305 accompanying licensure fee. The [commissioner] executive director
2306 may suspend or revoke such license after notice and an opportunity
2307 for a hearing as provided in section [19a-84] 71 of this act for violation
2308 of the regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive,
2309 as amended by this act, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as
2310 amended by this act.

2311 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2312 Office of Early Childhood shall collect from the licensee of a day care
2313 center a fee of five hundred dollars prior to issuing or renewing a
2314 license for a term of four years. The [commissioner] executive director
2315 shall collect from the licensee of a group day care home a fee of two
2316 hundred fifty dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term
2317 of four years. The [commissioner] executive director shall require only
2318 one license for a child day care center operated in two or more
2319 buildings, provided the same licensee provides child day care services
2320 in each building and the buildings are joined together by a contiguous
2321 playground that is part of the licensed space.

2322 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2323 Office of Early Childhood, within available appropriations, shall
2324 require each prospective employee of a child day care center or group
2325 day care home in a position requiring the provision of care to a child to
2326 submit to state and national criminal history records checks. The
2327 criminal history records checks required pursuant to this subsection
2328 shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a. The
2329 [commissioner] executive director shall also request a check of the state
2330 child abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k. Pursuant
2331 to the interagency agreement provided for in section 10-16s, as
2332 amended by this act, the Department of Social Services may agree to
2333 transfer funds appropriated for criminal history records checks to the

2334 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The
2335 [commissioner] executive director shall notify each licensee of the
2336 provisions of this subsection.

2337 (d) The [commissioner] executive director shall inform each
2338 licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided not later than
2339 sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of new or changed
2340 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as
2341 amended by this act, or sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, as
2342 amended by this act, with which a licensee must comply.

2343 Sec. 49. Section 19a-80f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2344 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2345 (a) As used in this section, "facility" means a child day care center, a
2346 group day care home and a family day care home, as defined in section
2347 19a-77, as amended by this act, and a youth camp, as defined in section
2348 19a-420.

2349 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
2350 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
2351 designee, shall provide to the [Department of Public Health] Office of
2352 Early Childhood all records concerning reports and investigations of
2353 child abuse or neglect that have been reported to, or are being
2354 investigated by, the Department of Children and Families pursuant to
2355 section 17a-101g, including records of any administrative hearing held
2356 pursuant to section 17a-101k: (1) Occurring at any facility, and (2) by
2357 any staff member or licensee of any facility and by any household
2358 member of any family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2359 amended by this act, irrespective of where the abuse or neglect
2360 occurred.

2361 (c) The Department of Children and Families and the [Department
2362 of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood shall jointly investigate
2363 reports of abuse or neglect occurring at any facility. All information,
2364 records and reports concerning such investigation shall be shared

2365 between agencies as part of the investigative process.

2366 (d) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2367 Office of Early Childhood shall compile a listing of allegations of
2368 violations that have been substantiated by the [Department of Public
2369 Health] Office of Early Childhood concerning a facility during the
2370 prior three-year period. The [Commissioner of Public Health]
2371 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall disclose
2372 information contained in the listing to any person who requests it,
2373 provided the information may be disclosed pursuant to sections 17a-
2374 101g and 17a-101k and does not identify children or family members
2375 of those children.

2376 (e) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the
2377 Commissioner of Children and Families has made a finding
2378 substantiating abuse or neglect: (1) That occurred at a facility, or (2) by
2379 any staff member or licensee of any facility, or by any household
2380 member of any family day care home and such finding is included on
2381 the state child abuse or neglect registry, maintained by the Department
2382 of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-101k, such finding
2383 may be included in the listing compiled by the [Department of Public
2384 Health] Office of Early Childhood pursuant to subsection (d) of this
2385 section and may be disclosed to the public by the [Department of
2386 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood.

2387 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, when the
2388 Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to section 17a-101j,
2389 has notified the [Department of Public Health] Office of Early
2390 Childhood of a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect at a
2391 facility and if such child abuse or neglect resulted in or involves (1) the
2392 death of a child; (2) the risk of serious physical injury or emotional
2393 harm of a child; (3) the serious physical harm of a child; (4) the arrest
2394 of a person due to abuse or neglect of a child; (5) a petition filed by the
2395 Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to section 17a-112 or
2396 46b-129; or (6) sexual abuse of a child, the [Commissioner of Public
2397 Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may

2398 include such finding of child abuse or neglect in the listing under
2399 subsection (d) of this section and may disclose such finding to the
2400 public. The Commissioner of Children and Families, or the
2401 commissioner's designee, shall immediately notify the [Commissioner
2402 of Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood
2403 when such child abuse or neglect is not substantiated after an
2404 investigation has been completed pursuant to subsection (b) of section
2405 17a-101g or a recommended finding of child abuse or neglect is
2406 reversed after a hearing or appeal conducted in accordance with the
2407 provisions of section 17a-101k. The [Commissioner of Public Health]
2408 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall immediately
2409 remove such information from the listing and shall not further disclose
2410 any such information to the public.

2411 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, all
2412 records provided by the Commissioner of Children and Families, or
2413 the commissioner's designee, to the [Department of Public Health]
2414 Office of Early Childhood regarding child abuse or neglect occurring at
2415 any facility, may be utilized in an administrative proceeding or court
2416 proceeding relative to facility licensing. In any such proceeding, such
2417 records shall be confidential, except as provided [by the provisions of]
2418 under section 4-177c, and such records shall not be subject to
2419 disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

2420 Sec. 50. Section 19a-82 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2421 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2422 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2423 Office of Early Childhood shall utilize consultative services and
2424 assistance from the Departments of Education, Mental Health and
2425 Addiction Services and Social Services and from municipal building,
2426 fire and health departments. The [commissioner] executive director
2427 shall make periodic inspections of licensed day care centers, group day
2428 care homes and family day care homes and shall provide technical
2429 assistance to licensees and applicants for licenses to assist them to
2430 attain and maintain the standards established in regulations adopted

2431 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, 19a-
2432 82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-87b, as
2433 amended by this act.

2434 Sec. 51. Section 19a-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2435 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2436 The [commissioner] executive director of the Office of Early
2437 Childhood may request the Attorney General to bring an action in the
2438 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to enjoin any person,
2439 group of persons, association, organization, corporation, institution, or
2440 agency, public or private, from maintaining a child day care center or
2441 group day care home without a license or operating a child day care
2442 center or group day care home in violation of regulations adopted
2443 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2444 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act.

2445 Sec. 52. Section 19a-87 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2447 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or
2448 corporation who [shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate]
2449 establishes, conducts, maintains or operates a day care center or group
2450 day care home without a current and valid license shall be subject to a
2451 civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day
2452 that such center or home is operated without a license.

2453 (b) If the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2454 Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe that a violation has
2455 occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of
2456 this section, he or she may send to such person or officer by certified
2457 mail, return receipt requested, or personally serve upon such person or
2458 officer, a notice which shall include: (1) A reference to the section or
2459 sections of the general statutes or regulations involved; (2) a short and
2460 plain statement of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a statement of
2461 the maximum civil penalty which may be imposed for such violation;

2462 and (4) a statement of the party's right to request a hearing, such
2463 request to be submitted in writing to the [commissioner] executive
2464 director not later than thirty days after the notice is mailed or served.

2465 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the [commissioner]
2466 executive director shall hold a hearing on the violation asserted. The
2467 hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If
2468 such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear at the
2469 hearing or if, after the hearing, the [commissioner] executive director
2470 finds that the person or officer has committed such violation, the
2471 [commissioner] executive director may, in his discretion, order that a
2472 civil penalty be imposed that is not greater than the penalty stated in
2473 the notice. The [commissioner] executive director shall send a copy of
2474 any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified mail, return
2475 receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such order.

2476 Sec. 53. Section 19a-87a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2477 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2478 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2479 Office of Early Childhood shall have the discretion to refuse to license
2480 under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and
2481 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, a person to
2482 conduct, operate or maintain a day care center or a group day care
2483 home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, or to
2484 suspend or revoke the license or take any other action set forth in
2485 regulation that may be adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as
2486 amended by this act, if, the person who owns, conducts, maintains or
2487 operates such center or home or a person employed therein in a
2488 position connected with the provision of care to a child receiving child
2489 day care services, has been convicted in this state or any other state of
2490 a felony as defined in section 53a-25 involving the use, attempted use
2491 or threatened use of physical force against another person, of cruelty to
2492 persons under section 53-20, injury or risk of injury to or impairing
2493 morals of children under section 53-21, abandonment of children
2494 under the age of six years under section 53-23, or any felony where the

2495 victim of the felony is a child under eighteen years of age, or of a
2496 violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or
2497 53a-73a, or has a criminal record in this state or any other state that the
2498 [commissioner] executive director reasonably believes renders the
2499 person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or be
2500 employed by a child day care center or group day care home.
2501 However, no refusal of a license shall be rendered except in accordance
2502 with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

2503 (b) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a
2504 child day care center or group day care home shall notify the
2505 [commissioner] executive director of any criminal conviction of the
2506 owner, conductor, operator or maintainer of the center or home or of
2507 any person employed therein in a position connected with the
2508 provision of care to a child receiving child day care services,
2509 immediately upon obtaining knowledge of the conviction. Failure to
2510 comply with the notification requirement may result in the suspension
2511 or revocation of the license or the imposition of any action set forth in
2512 regulation, and shall subject the licensed person to a civil penalty of
2513 not more than one hundred dollars per day for each day after the
2514 person obtained knowledge of the conviction.

2515 (c) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking
2516 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a
2517 child receiving child day care services to make a false written
2518 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form
2519 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,
2520 which statement he does not believe to be true and is intended to
2521 mislead the prospective employer.

2522 (d) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child day
2523 care center or a group day care home is operating without a current
2524 and valid license or in violation of regulations adopted under section
2525 19a-79, as amended by this act, or in a manner which may pose a
2526 potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of a child receiving
2527 child day care services, may report such information to the

2528 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The
2529 [department] office shall investigate any report or complaint received
2530 pursuant to this subsection. The name of the person making the report
2531 or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1) such person consents to
2532 such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative proceeding results
2533 therefrom, or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2534 section results therefrom. All records obtained by the [department]
2535 office in connection with any such investigation shall not be subject to
2536 the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty days from the date
2537 of the petition or other event initiating such investigation, or until such
2538 time as the investigation is terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or
2539 other informal disposition or until a hearing is convened pursuant to
2540 chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A formal statement of charges issued
2541 by the [department] office shall be subject to the provisions of section
2542 1-210 from the time that it is served or mailed to the respondent.
2543 Records which are otherwise public records shall not be deemed
2544 confidential merely because they have been obtained in connection
2545 with an investigation under this section.

2546 (e) In addition to any powers the [Department of Public Health]
2547 Office of Early Childhood may have, in any investigation (1)
2548 concerning an application, reinstatement or renewal of a license for a
2549 child day care center, a group day care home or a family day care
2550 home, as such terms are defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this
2551 act, (2) of a complaint concerning child day care services, as described
2552 in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, or (3) concerning the possible
2553 provision of unlicensed child day care services, the [Department of
2554 Public Health] Office of Early Childhood may administer oaths, issue
2555 subpoenas, compel testimony and order the production of books,
2556 records and documents. If any person refuses to appear, testify or
2557 produce any book, record or document when so ordered, a judge of
2558 the Superior Court may make such order as may be appropriate to aid
2559 in the enforcement of this section.

2560 Sec. 54. Section 19a-87b of the general statutes is repealed and the

2561 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2562 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
2563 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
2564 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this
2565 act, without a license issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health]
2566 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood. Licensure forms
2567 shall be obtained from the [Department of Public Health] Office of
2568 Early Childhood. Applications for licensure shall be made to the
2569 [commissioner] executive director on forms provided by the
2570 [department] office and shall contain the information required by
2571 regulations adopted under this section. The licensure and application
2572 forms shall contain a notice that false statements made therein are
2573 punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b. Applicants shall state,
2574 in writing, that they are in compliance with the regulations adopted by
2575 the [commissioner] executive director pursuant to subsection (f) of this
2576 section. Before a family day care home license is granted, the
2577 [department] office shall make an inquiry and investigation which
2578 shall include a visit and inspection of the premises for which the
2579 license is requested. Any inspection conducted by the [department]
2580 office shall include an inspection for evident sources of lead poisoning.
2581 The [department] office shall provide for a chemical analysis of any
2582 paint chips found on such premises. Neither the [commissioner]
2583 executive director nor the [commissioner's] executive director's
2584 designee shall require an annual inspection for homes seeking license
2585 renewal or for licensed homes, except that the [commissioner]
2586 executive director or the [commissioner's] executive director's designee
2587 shall make unannounced visits, during customary business hours, to at
2588 least thirty-three and one-third per cent of the licensed family day care
2589 homes each year. A licensed family day care home shall not be subject
2590 to any conditions on the operation of such home by local officials,
2591 other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant to this
2592 subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and ordinances
2593 applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

2594 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a
2595 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in
2596 section 19a-77, as amended by this act, without an approval issued by
2597 the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the Office of
2598 Early Childhood. Any person seeking to act as an assistant or
2599 substitute staff member in a family day care home shall submit an
2600 application for such approval to the [department] office. Applications
2601 for approval shall: (1) Be made to the [commissioner] executive
2602 director on forms provided by the [department] office, (2) contain the
2603 information required by regulations adopted under this section, and
2604 (3) be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars. The approval
2605 application forms shall contain a notice that false statements made in
2606 such form are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

2607 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2608 Office of Early Childhood, within available appropriations, shall
2609 require each initial applicant or prospective employee of a family day
2610 care home in a position requiring the provision of care to a child,
2611 including an assistant or substitute staff member, to submit to state
2612 and national criminal history records checks. The criminal history
2613 records checks required pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted
2614 in accordance with section 29-17a. The [commissioner] executive
2615 director shall also request a check of the state child abuse registry
2616 established pursuant to section 17a-101k. The [commissioner]
2617 executive director shall notify each licensee of the provisions of this
2618 subsection.

2619 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall
2620 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be
2621 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license
2622 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty
2623 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in
2624 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations
2625 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of
2626 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed

2627 for a term of four years.

2628 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff
2629 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such
2630 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

2631 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2632 Office of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
2633 the provisions of chapter 54, to assure that family day care homes, as
2634 defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, shall meet the health,
2635 educational and social needs of children utilizing such homes. Such
2636 regulations shall ensure that the family day care home is treated as a
2637 residence, and not an institutional facility. Such regulations shall
2638 specify that each child be protected as age-appropriate by adequate
2639 immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis,
2640 measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other
2641 vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization adopted
2642 pursuant to section 19a-7f. Such regulations shall provide appropriate
2643 exemptions for children for whom such immunization is medically
2644 contraindicated and for children whose parents object to such
2645 immunization on religious grounds. Such regulations shall also specify
2646 conditions under which family day care home providers may
2647 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed
2648 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including
2649 controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the [commissioner]
2650 executive director, to a child receiving day care services at a family day
2651 care home pursuant to a written order of a physician licensed to
2652 practice medicine in this or another state, an advanced practice
2653 registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a
2654 or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section
2655 20-12d, and the written authorization of a parent or guardian of such
2656 child. Such regulations shall specify appropriate standards for
2657 extended care and intermittent short-term overnight care. The
2658 [commissioner] executive director shall inform each licensee, by way of
2659 a plain language summary provided not later than sixty days after the

2660 regulation's effective date, of any new or changed regulations adopted
2661 under this subsection with which a licensee must comply.

2662 Sec. 55. Section 19a-87c of the general statutes is repealed and the
2663 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2664 (a) Any person or officer of an association, organization or
2665 corporation who shall establish, conduct, maintain or operate a family
2666 day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act,
2667 without a current and valid license shall be subject to a civil penalty of
2668 not more than one hundred dollars a day for each day that such home
2669 is operated without a license.

2670 (b) If the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2671 Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe that a violation has
2672 occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of
2673 this section, [he] the executive director may send to such person or
2674 officer by certified mail, return receipt requested, or personally serve
2675 upon such person or officer, a notice which shall include: (1) A
2676 reference to the section or sections of the general statutes or
2677 regulations involved; (2) a short and plain statement of the matters
2678 asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the maximum civil penalty
2679 which may be imposed for such violation; and (4) a statement of the
2680 party's right to request a hearing. Such request shall be submitted in
2681 writing to the [commissioner] executive director not later than thirty
2682 days after the notice is mailed or served.

2683 (c) If such person or officer so requests, the [commissioner]
2684 executive director shall hold a hearing on the violation asserted. The
2685 hearing shall be held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. If
2686 such person or officer fails to request a hearing or fails to appear at the
2687 hearing or if, after the hearing, the [commissioner] executive director
2688 finds that the person or officer has committed such violation, the
2689 [commissioner] executive director may, in his or her discretion, order
2690 that a civil penalty be imposed that is not greater than the penalty
2691 stated in the notice. The [commissioner] executive director shall send a

2692 copy of any order issued pursuant to this subsection by certified mail,
2693 return receipt requested, to the person or officer named in such order.

2694 Sec. 56. Section 19a-87d of the general statutes is repealed and the
2695 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2696 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2697 Office of Early Childhood may request the Attorney General to bring
2698 an action, in the superior court for the judicial district in which such
2699 home is located, to enjoin any person, group of persons, association,
2700 organization, corporation, institution or agency, public or private, from
2701 maintaining a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2702 amended by this act, without a license or in violation of regulations
2703 adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, and
2704 satisfactory proof of the lack of a license or the violation of the
2705 regulations without more shall entitle the [commissioner] executive
2706 director to injunctive relief.

2707 Sec. 57. Section 19a-87e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2708 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2709 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the
2710 Office of Early Childhood may (1) refuse to license under section 19a-
2711 87b, as amended by this act, a person to own, conduct, operate or
2712 maintain a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2713 amended by this act, (2) refuse to approve under section 19a-87b, as
2714 amended by this act, a person to act as an assistant or substitute staff
2715 member in a family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as
2716 amended by this act, or (3) suspend or revoke the license or approval
2717 or take any other action that may be set forth in regulation that may be
2718 adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as amended by this act, if the
2719 person who owns, conducts, maintains or operates the family day care
2720 home, the person who acts as an assistant or substitute staff member in
2721 a family day care home or a person employed in such family day care
2722 home in a position connected with the provision of care to a child
2723 receiving child day care services, has been convicted, in this state or

2724 any other state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25, involving the
2725 use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
2726 person, or has a criminal record in this state or any other state that the
2727 [commissioner] executive director reasonably believes renders the
2728 person unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or be
2729 employed by a family day care home, or act as an assistant or
2730 substitute staff member in a family day care home, or if such persons
2731 or a person residing in the household has been convicted in this state
2732 or any other state of cruelty to persons under section 53-20, injury or
2733 risk of injury to or impairing morals of children under section 53-21,
2734 abandonment of children under the age of six years under section 53-
2735 23, or any felony where the victim of the felony is a child under
2736 eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-70b,
2737 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal manufacture, distribution,
2738 sale, prescription, dispensing or administration under section 21a-277
2739 or 21a-278, or illegal possession under section 21a-279, or if such
2740 person, a person who acts as assistant or substitute staff member in a
2741 family day care home or a person employed in such family day care
2742 home in a position connected with the provision of care to a child
2743 receiving child day care services, either fails to substantially comply
2744 with the regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-87b, as amended
2745 by this act, or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a manner
2746 which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the children
2747 receiving child day care services. Any refusal of a license or approval
2748 pursuant to this section shall be rendered in accordance with the
2749 provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive. Any person whose
2750 license or approval has been revoked pursuant to this section shall be
2751 ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a period of one year
2752 from the effective date of revocation.

2753 (b) When the [commissioner] executive director intends to suspend
2754 or revoke a license or approval or take any other action against a
2755 license or approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section
2756 19a-79, as amended by this act, the [commissioner] executive director
2757 shall notify the licensee or approved staff member in writing of the

2758 [commissioner's] executive director's intended action. The licensee or
2759 approved staff member may, if aggrieved by such intended action,
2760 make application for a hearing in writing over the licensee's or
2761 approved staff member's signature to the [commissioner] executive
2762 director. The licensee or approved staff member shall state in the
2763 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee or approved
2764 staff member claims to be aggrieved. The application shall be delivered
2765 to the [commissioner] executive director within thirty days of the
2766 licensee's or approved staff member's receipt of notification of the
2767 intended action. The [commissioner] executive director shall
2768 thereupon hold a hearing within sixty days from receipt of such
2769 application and shall, at least ten days prior to the date of such
2770 hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the hearing, to the
2771 licensee or approved staff member. The provisions of this subsection
2772 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license or
2773 approval under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, provided the
2774 [commissioner] executive director shall notify the applicant of any
2775 such denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing written notice
2776 to the applicant at the applicant's address shown on the license or
2777 approval application.

2778 (c) Any person who is licensed to conduct, operate or maintain a
2779 family day care home or approved to act as an assistant or substitute
2780 staff member in a family day care home shall notify the
2781 [commissioner] executive director of any conviction of the owner,
2782 conductor, operator or maintainer of the family day care home or of
2783 any person residing in the household or any person employed in such
2784 family day care home in a position connected with the provision of
2785 care to a child receiving child day care services, of a crime which
2786 affects the [commissioner's] executive director's discretion under
2787 subsection (a) of this section, immediately upon obtaining knowledge
2788 of such conviction. Failure to comply with the notification requirement
2789 of this subsection may result in the suspension or revocation of the
2790 license or approval or the taking of any other action against a license or
2791 approval set forth in regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-79, as

2792 amended by this act, and shall subject the licensee or approved staff
2793 member to a civil penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per
2794 day for each day after the person obtained knowledge of the
2795 conviction.

2796 (d) It shall be a class A misdemeanor for any person seeking
2797 employment in a position connected with the provision of care to a
2798 child receiving family day care home services to make a false written
2799 statement regarding prior criminal convictions pursuant to a form
2800 bearing notice to the effect that such false statements are punishable,
2801 which statement such person does not believe to be true and is
2802 intended to mislead the prospective employer.

2803 (e) Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a family day
2804 care home, as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act, is
2805 operating without a current and valid license or in violation of the
2806 regulations adopted under section 19a-87b, as amended by this act, or
2807 in a manner which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare
2808 and safety of a child receiving child day care services, may report such
2809 information to [any office of the Department of Public Health] the
2810 Office of Early Childhood. The [department] office shall investigate
2811 any report or complaint received pursuant to this subsection. The
2812 name of the person making the report or complaint shall not be
2813 disclosed unless (1) such person consents to such disclosure, (2) a
2814 judicial or administrative proceeding results from such report or
2815 complaint, or (3) a license action pursuant to subsection (a) of this
2816 section results from such report or complaint. All records obtained by
2817 the [department] office in connection with any such investigation shall
2818 not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 for a period of thirty
2819 days from the date of the petition or other event initiating such
2820 investigation, or until such time as the investigation is terminated
2821 pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or until a
2822 hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is earlier. A
2823 formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office shall be
2824 subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is served

2825 or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise public
2826 records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they have
2827 been obtained in connection with an investigation under this section.

2828 Sec. 58. Section 8-210 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2829 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

2830 (a) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the Commissioner of
2831 Social Services or the [Commissioner of Education] executive director
2832 of the Office of Early Childhood, as appropriate, may enter into a
2833 contract with a municipality or a qualified private, nonprofit
2834 corporation for state financial assistance for the planning, construction,
2835 renovation, site preparation and purchase of improved or unimproved
2836 property as part of a capital development project for neighborhood
2837 facilities. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to, child day
2838 care facilities, elderly centers, multipurpose human resource centers,
2839 emergency shelters for the homeless and shelters for victims of
2840 domestic violence. The financial assistance shall be in the form of state
2841 grants-in-aid equal to (1) all or any portion of the cost of such capital
2842 development project if the grantee is a qualified private nonprofit
2843 corporation, or (2) up to two-thirds of the cost of such capital
2844 development project if the grantee is a municipality, as determined by
2845 the Commissioner of Social Services or the [Commissioner of
2846 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, as
2847 appropriate.

2848 (b) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner of
2849 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, may
2850 enter into a contract with a municipality, a human resource
2851 development agency or a nonprofit corporation for state financial
2852 assistance in developing and operating child day care centers for
2853 children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social or
2854 environmental conditions, provided no such financial assistance shall
2855 be available for the operating costs of any such day care center unless
2856 it has been licensed by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive
2857 director of the Office of Early Childhood pursuant to section 19a-80, as

2858 amended by this act. Such financial assistance shall be available for a
2859 program of a municipality, of a human resource development agency
2860 or of a nonprofit corporation which may provide for personnel,
2861 equipment, supplies, activities, program materials and renovation and
2862 remodeling of physical facilities of such day care centers. Such contract
2863 shall provide for state financial assistance, within available
2864 appropriations, in the form of a state grant-in-aid (1) for a portion of
2865 the cost of such program as determined by the [Commissioner of
2866 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood, if not
2867 federally assisted, or (2) equal to one-half of the amount by which the
2868 net cost of such program as approved by the [Commissioner of
2869 Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood exceeds
2870 the federal grant-in-aid thereof. The [Commissioner of Education]
2871 executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may authorize child
2872 day care centers provided financial assistance pursuant to this
2873 subsection to apply a program surplus to the next program year. The
2874 [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of Early
2875 Childhood shall consult with directors of child day care centers in
2876 establishing fees for the operation of such centers.

2877 (c) The [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, in
2878 consultation with representatives from child care centers, within
2879 available appropriations, shall develop guidelines for state-contracted
2880 child care center programs. The guidelines shall include standards for
2881 program quality and design and identify short and long-term
2882 outcomes for families participating in such programs. The
2883 [Department of Education] Office of Early Childhood, within available
2884 appropriations, shall provide a copy of such guidelines to each state-
2885 contracted child care center. Each state-contracted child care center
2886 shall use the guidelines to develop a program improvement plan for
2887 the next twelve-month period and shall submit the plan to the
2888 [department] office. The plan shall include goals to be used for
2889 measuring such improvement. The [department] office shall use the
2890 plan to monitor the progress of the center.

2891 (d) The state, acting by and in the discretion of the [Commissioner
2892 of Education] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood may
2893 enter into a contract with a municipality, a human resource
2894 development agency or a nonprofit corporation for state financial
2895 assistance for a project of renovation of any child day care facility
2896 receiving assistance pursuant to the provisions of this section, to make
2897 such facility accessible to the physically disabled, in the form of a state
2898 grant-in-aid equal to (1) the total net cost of the project as approved by
2899 the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
2900 Early Childhood, or (2) the total amount by which the net cost of the
2901 project as approved by the [Commissioner of Education] executive
2902 director of the Office of Early Childhood exceeds the federal grant-in-
2903 aid thereof.

2904 (e) Any municipality, human resource development agency or
2905 nonprofit corporation which enters into a contract pursuant to this
2906 section for state financial assistance for a day care facility shall have
2907 sole responsibility for the development of the budget of the day care
2908 program, including, but not limited to, personnel costs, purchases of
2909 equipment, supplies, activities and program materials, within the
2910 resources provided by the state under said contract. Upon local
2911 determination of a change in the type of day care service required in
2912 the area, a municipality, human resource development agency or
2913 nonprofit corporation may, within the limits of its annual budget and
2914 subject to the provisions of this subsection and sections 19a-77 to 19a-
2915 80, inclusive, as amended by this act, and 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive,
2916 as amended by this act, change its day care service. An application to
2917 change the type of child day care service provided shall be submitted
2918 to the [Commissioner of Education] executive director of the Office of
2919 Early Childhood. Not later than forty-five days after the
2920 [Commissioner of Education] executive director receives the
2921 application, the [Commissioner of Education] executive director shall
2922 advise the municipality, human resource development agency or
2923 nonprofit corporation of the [Commissioner of Education's] executive
2924 director's approval, denial or approval with modifications of the

2925 application. If the [Commissioner of Education] executive director fails
2926 to act on the application not later than forty-five days after the
2927 application's submittal, the application shall be deemed approved.

2928 (f) The [Commissioner of Education] executive director may, in his
2929 discretion, with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy
2930 and Management, authorize the expenditure of such funds for the
2931 purposes of this section as shall enable the [Commissioner of
2932 Education] executive director to apply for, qualify for and provide the
2933 state's share of a federally assisted day care program.

2934 Sec. 59. Subsection (a) of section 10a-194c of the general statutes is
2935 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
2936 *1, 2014*):

2937 (a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority
2938 shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care
2939 and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start
2940 programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities
2941 Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or
2942 renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and
2943 local child care requirements, including health and safety standards.
2944 For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a
2945 building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in
2946 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, and "child care center" means a
2947 nonprofit facility that is licensed by the [Department of Public Health]
2948 Office of Early Childhood as a child day care center or a group day
2949 care home, both as defined in section 19a-77, as amended by this act.

2950 Sec. 60. Section 12-634 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2951 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

2952 The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit against
2953 any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210, 211 or
2954 212 in an amount not to exceed sixty per cent of the total cash amount
2955 invested during the taxable year by the business firm in programs

operated or created pursuant to proposals approved pursuant to section 12-632 for planning, site preparation, construction, renovation or acquisition of facilities for purposes of establishing a child day care facility to be used primarily by the children of such business firm's employees and equipment installed for such facility, including kitchen appliances, to the extent that such equipment or appliances are necessary in the use of such facility for purposes of child day care, provided: (1) Such facility is operated under the authority of a license issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood in accordance with sections 19a-77, as amended by this act, to 19a-87, inclusive, as amended by this act, (2) such facility is operated without profit by such business firm related to any charges imposed for the use of such facility for purposes of child day care, and (3) the amount of tax credit allowed any business firm under the provisions of this section for any income year may not exceed fifty thousand dollars. If two or more business firms share in the cost of establishing such a facility for the children of their employees, each such taxpayer shall be allowed such credit in relation to the respective share, paid or incurred by such taxpayer, of the total expenditures for the facility in such income year. The commissioner shall not grant a credit pursuant to this section to any taxpayer claiming a credit for the same year pursuant to section 12-217x.

Sec. 61. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

(b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, dental hygienist or psychologist, a school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, social worker, police officer, juvenile or adult probation officer, juvenile or adult parole officer, member of the clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist, optometrist, chiropractor,

2989 podiatrist, mental health professional or physician assistant, any
2990 person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services
2991 provider, any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug
2992 counselor, any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist,
2993 any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a battered women's
2994 counselor, as defined in section 52-146k, any person who is a licensed
2995 professional counselor, any person who is a licensed foster parent, any
2996 person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child
2997 day care center, group day care home or family day care home licensed
2998 by the state, any employee of the Department of Children and
2999 Families, any employee of the [Department of Public Health] Office of
3000 Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child day care
3001 centers, group day care homes [,] or family day care homes, [or] any
3002 employee of the Department of Public Health who is responsible for
3003 the licensing of youth camps, the Child Advocate and any employee of
3004 the Office of the Child Advocate and any family relations counselor,
3005 family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor
3006 employed by the Judicial Department.

3007 Sec. 62. Subsection (b) of section 17b-90 of the general statutes is
3008 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3009 *1, 2014*):

3010 (b) No person shall, except for purposes directly connected with the
3011 administration of programs of the Department of Social Services and in
3012 accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, solicit, disclose,
3013 receive or make use of, or authorize, knowingly permit, participate in
3014 or acquiesce in the use of, any list of the names of, or any information
3015 concerning, persons applying for or receiving assistance from the
3016 Department of Social Services or persons participating in a program
3017 administered by said department, directly or indirectly derived from
3018 the records, papers, files or communications of the state or its
3019 subdivisions or agencies, or acquired in the course of the performance
3020 of official duties. The Commissioner of Social Services shall disclose (1)
3021 to any authorized representative of the Labor Commissioner such

3022 information directly related to unemployment compensation,
3023 administered pursuant to chapter 567 or information necessary for
3024 implementation of sections 17b-688b, 17b-688c and 17b-688h and
3025 section 122 of public act 97-2 of the June 18 special session, (2) to any
3026 authorized representative of the Commissioner of Mental Health and
3027 Addiction Services any information necessary for the implementation
3028 and operation of the basic needs supplement program or the Medicaid
3029 program for low-income adults, established pursuant to section 17b-
3030 261n, (3) to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of
3031 Administrative Services or the Commissioner of Emergency Services
3032 and Public Protection such information as the Commissioner of Social
3033 Services determines is directly related to and necessary for the
3034 Department of Administrative Services or the Department of
3035 Emergency Services and Public Protection for purposes of performing
3036 their functions of collecting social services recoveries and
3037 overpayments or amounts due as support in social services cases,
3038 investigating social services fraud or locating absent parents of public
3039 assistance recipients, (4) to any authorized representative of the
3040 Commissioner of Children and Families necessary information
3041 concerning a child or the immediate family of a child receiving services
3042 from the Department of Social Services, including safety net services, if
3043 the Commissioner of Children and Families or the Commissioner of
3044 Social Services has determined that imminent danger to such child's
3045 health, safety or welfare exists to target the services of the family
3046 services programs administered by the Department of Children and
3047 Families, (5) to a town official or other contractor or authorized
3048 representative of the Labor Commissioner such information
3049 concerning an applicant for or a recipient of assistance under state-
3050 administered general assistance deemed necessary by the
3051 Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor Commissioner to carry
3052 out their respective responsibilities to serve such persons under the
3053 programs administered by the Labor Department that are designed to
3054 serve applicants for or recipients of state-administered general
3055 assistance, (6) to any authorized representative of the Commissioner of
3056 Mental Health and Addiction Services for the purposes of the

3057 behavioral health managed care program established by section 17a-
3058 453, (7) to any authorized representative of the [Commissioner of
3059 Public Health] executive director of the Office of Early Childhood to
3060 carry out his or her respective responsibilities under programs that
3061 regulate child day care services or to any authorized representative of
3062 the Commissioner of Public Health to carry out his or her respective
3063 responsibilities under programs that regulate youth camps, (8) to a
3064 health insurance provider, in IV-D support cases, as defined in
3065 subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-231, information
3066 concerning a child and the custodial parent of such child that is
3067 necessary to enroll such child in a health insurance plan available
3068 through such provider when the noncustodial parent of such child is
3069 under court order to provide health insurance coverage but is unable
3070 to provide such information, provided the Commissioner of Social
3071 Services determines, after providing prior notice of the disclosure to
3072 such custodial parent and an opportunity for such parent to object,
3073 that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child, (9) to any
3074 authorized representative of the Department of Correction, in IV-D
3075 support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of
3076 section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is
3077 necessary to identify inmates or parolees with IV-D support cases who
3078 may benefit from Department of Correction educational, training, skill
3079 building, work or rehabilitation programming that will significantly
3080 increase an inmate's or parolee's ability to fulfill such inmate's support
3081 obligation, (10) to any authorized representative of the Judicial Branch,
3082 in IV-D support cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b)
3083 of section 46b-231, information concerning noncustodial parents that is
3084 necessary to: (A) Identify noncustodial parents with IV-D support
3085 cases who may benefit from educational, training, skill building, work
3086 or rehabilitation programming that will significantly increase such
3087 parent's ability to fulfill such parent's support obligation, (B) assist in
3088 the administration of the Title IV-D child support program, or (C)
3089 assist in the identification of cases involving family violence, or (11) to
3090 any authorized representative of the State Treasurer, in IV-D support
3091 cases, as defined in subdivision (13) of subsection (b) of section 46b-

3092 231, information that is necessary to identify child support obligors
3093 who owe overdue child support prior to the Treasurer's payment of
3094 such obligors' claim for any property unclaimed or presumed
3095 abandoned under part III of chapter 32. No such representative shall
3096 disclose any information obtained pursuant to this section, except as
3097 specified in this section. Any applicant for assistance provided through
3098 said department shall be notified that, if and when such applicant
3099 receives benefits, the department will be providing law enforcement
3100 officials with the address of such applicant upon the request of any
3101 such official pursuant to section 17b-16a.

3102 Sec. 63. Subsection (a) of section 10-16mm of the general statutes is
3103 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3104 *1, 2013*):

3105 (a) There is established a task force to address the academic
3106 achievement gaps in Connecticut by considering effective approaches
3107 to closing the achievement gaps in elementary, middle and high
3108 schools. The task force shall develop, in consultation with the
3109 Department of Education, the Connecticut State University System, the
3110 Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap established
3111 pursuant to section 10-16nn, and the joint standing committee of the
3112 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,
3113 a master plan to eliminate the academic achievement gaps by January
3114 1, 2020. Such master plan shall: (1) Identify the achievement gaps that
3115 exist among and between (A) racial groups, (B) ethnic groups, (C)
3116 socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English language learners
3117 and students whose primary language is English; (2) focus efforts on
3118 closing the achievement gaps identified in subdivision (1) of this
3119 subsection; (3) establish annual benchmarks for implementation of the
3120 master plan and closing the achievement gaps; and (4) make
3121 recommendations regarding the creation of a Secretary of Education; [
3122 and (5) develop a plan for (A) changing the requirement for when a
3123 child five years of age may enroll in kindergarten pursuant to section
3124 10-15c from January first of the school year to October first of the

3125 school year, and (B) the creation of spaces in school readiness
3126 programs for those children who reach the age of five after October
3127 first of any school year and are no longer eligible to enroll in
3128 kindergarten for such school year.] The task force may amend such
3129 master plan at any time. For purposes of this section, "achievement
3130 gaps" means the existence of a significant disparity in the academic
3131 performance of students among and between (A) racial groups, (B)
3132 ethnic groups, (C) socioeconomic groups, (D) genders, and (E) English
3133 language learners and students whose primary language is English.

3134 Sec. 64. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) The Office of Early Childhood shall
3135 conduct a regression discontinuity study, or a relevant research study,
3136 to examine how effectively the school readiness program prepares
3137 participating children for kindergarten. The office, in conducting such
3138 study, may collaborate with a nonprofit public service institution with
3139 expertise in such studies or a college or university in the state. Such
3140 study shall, to the extent feasible, examine the relative impact of each
3141 state funded early childhood program. Not later than January 1, 2015,
3142 the office shall submit a report on the findings of such regression
3143 discontinuity study, or relevant research study, to the joint standing
3144 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
3145 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
3146 4a of the general statutes.

3147 Sec. 65. Subsection (a) of section 2c-2h of the general statutes is
3148 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3149 *1, 2013*):

3150 (a) Not later than July 1, 2014, and not later than every ten years
3151 thereafter, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
3152 having cognizance of any of the following governmental entities or
3153 programs shall conduct a review of the applicable entity or program in
3154 accordance with the provisions of section 2c-3:

3155 (1) Connecticut Examining Board for Barbers and Hairdressers and
3156 Cosmeticians, established under section 20-235a;

3157 (2) Board of Chiropractic Examiners, established under section 20-
3158 25;

3159 (3) Board of Examiners of Electrologists, established under section
3160 20-268;

3161 (4) Liquor Control Commission, established under section 30-2;

3162 [(5) The Child Day Care Council, established under section 17b-748;]

3163 [(6)] (5) State Insurance and Risk Management Board, established
3164 under section 4a-19;

3165 [(7)] (6) State Milk Regulation Board, established under section 22-
3166 131; and

3167 [(8)] (7) State Codes and Standards Committee, established under
3168 section 29-251.

3169 Sec. 66. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) When the executive director
3170 of the Office of Early Childhood has reason to believe any person
3171 licensed under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, of the general
3172 statutes and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, of the general statutes
3173 has failed substantially to comply with the regulations adopted under
3174 said sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87,
3175 inclusive, the executive director shall notify the licensee, in writing, of
3176 the executive director's intention to suspend or revoke the license or to
3177 impose a licensure action. Such notice shall be served by certified mail
3178 stating the particular reasons for the proposed action. The licensee
3179 may, if aggrieved by such intended action, make application for a
3180 hearing, in writing, over the licensee's signature to the executive
3181 director. The licensee shall state in the application in plain language
3182 the reasons why the licensee claims to be aggrieved. The application
3183 shall be delivered by certified mail to the executive director not later
3184 than thirty days after the licensee's receipt of notification of the
3185 intended action. The executive director shall thereupon hold a hearing
3186 not later than sixty days after receipt of such application and shall, at

least ten days prior to the date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the time and place of the hearing, to the licensee. The hearing shall be conducted by a hearing officer appointed by the executive director, in writing. The licensee and the executive director or hearing officer may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The licensee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript of the hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing officer, the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and make a recommendation to the executive director on the issue of revocation or suspension or the intended licensure action. The executive director, based upon the findings and recommendations of the hearing officer, or after a hearing conducted by the executive director, shall render the executive director's decision, in writing, suspending, revoking or continuing the license or regarding the intended licensure action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by certified mail to the licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the license or a decision imposing a licensure action shall become effective thirty days after it is mailed by registered or certified mail to the licensee. A licensee aggrieved by the decision of the executive director may appeal as provided in section 19a-85 of the general statutes. Any licensee whose license has been revoked pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible to apply for a license for a period of one year from the effective date of revocation.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, of the general statutes and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, of the general statutes provided the executive director shall notify the applicant of any such denial and the reasons for such denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the applicant's address shown on the license application.

Sec. 67. Section 17b-7a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a state-wide fraud early detection system. The purpose of such system shall be to

3220 identify, investigate and determine if an application for assistance
 3221 under (1) programs administered by the department, including, but
 3222 not limited to, [(1)] (A) the temporary family assistance program, [(2)]
 3223 (B) the supplemental nutrition assistance program, [(3) the child care
 3224 subsidy program,] or [(4)] (C) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title
 3225 XIX of the Social Security Act, and (2) the child care subsidy program
 3226 administered by the Office of Early Childhood, is fraudulent prior to
 3227 granting assistance. The commissioner shall consult with the executive
 3228 director of the Office of Early Childhood regarding the development of
 3229 the system pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section. The
 3230 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
 3231 for the purpose of developing and implementing said system. The
 3232 commissioner shall submit quarterly reports concerning savings
 3233 realized through the implementation of the state-wide fraud early
 3234 detection system to the joint standing committees of the General
 3235 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
 3236 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.

3237 Sec. 68. Sections 10-16dd, 17b-23 and 17b-748 of the general statutes
 3238 are repealed. (Effective July 1, 2013)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	4-5
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	10-16bb
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16cc
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-266p(a)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16n
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16p
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16q
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16r(b)
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16s
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16u
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16w
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16z

Sec. 14	July 1, 2013	10-16aa
Sec. 15	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 16	July 1, 2014	17b-2
Sec. 17	July 1, 2014	17b-705a(c) to (e)
Sec. 18	July 1, 2014	17b-12
Sec. 19	July 1, 2013	17b-730
Sec. 20	July 1, 2013	17b-733
Sec. 21	July 1, 2014	17b-734
Sec. 22	July 1, 2014	17b-735(a)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2014	17b-736
Sec. 24	July 1, 2013	17b-737
Sec. 25	July 1, 2014	17b-738
Sec. 26	July 1, 2013	17b-739
Sec. 27	July 1, 2014	17b-749
Sec. 28	July 1, 2014	17b-749a
Sec. 29	July 1, 2013	17b-749c(a) and (b)
Sec. 30	July 1, 2014	17b-749d
Sec. 31	July 1, 2014	17b-749e
Sec. 32	July 1, 2013	17b-749f
Sec. 33	July 1, 2014	17b-749g
Sec. 34	July 1, 2014	17b-749h
Sec. 35	July 1, 2014	17b-749i
Sec. 36	July 1, 2014	17b-749j
Sec. 37	July 1, 2014	17b-749k
Sec. 38	July 1, 2014	17b-750
Sec. 39	July 1, 2013	17b-751
Sec. 40	July 1, 2013	17b-751a
Sec. 41	July 1, 2013	17b-751d
Sec. 42	July 1, 2013	17b-751e
Sec. 43	July 1, 2013	New section
Sec. 44	July 1, 2014	New section
Sec. 45	July 1, 2014	17a-28(g)(11)
Sec. 46	July 1, 2014	19a-77
Sec. 47	July 1, 2014	19a-79
Sec. 48	July 1, 2014	19a-80
Sec. 49	July 1, 2014	19a-80f
Sec. 50	July 1, 2014	19a-82
Sec. 51	July 1, 2014	19a-86
Sec. 52	July 1, 2014	19a-87
Sec. 53	July 1, 2014	19a-87a

Sec. 54	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87b
Sec. 55	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87c
Sec. 56	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87d
Sec. 57	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87e
Sec. 58	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	8-210
Sec. 59	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10a-194c(a)
Sec. 60	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	12-634
Sec. 61	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17a-101(b)
Sec. 62	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	17b-90(b)
Sec. 63	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-16mm(a)
Sec. 64	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section
Sec. 65	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	2c-2h(a)
Sec. 66	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 67	<i>from passage</i>	17b-7a
Sec. 68	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	Repealer section